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Editor of the Presbyterian Board of Publication.

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GENERAL SUMMARY FOR 1821.

Presbyteries.	*Ministers.*	*Churches.*	*Communicants.*	*Licentiates.*	*Candidates.*
Synod of Geneva.					
Rochester,	9	14	723	3	1
Ontario,	13	12	600	—	1
Bath,	5	14	573	—	1
Geneva,	18	22	903	2	—
Cayuga,	20	30	465	4	—
Onondaga,	19	33	2691	1	1
Genessee,	No report.				
Niagara,	No report.				
Synod of Albany.					
Oneida,	26	28	2890	1	1
St. Lawrence,	—	—	——	—	—
Champlain,	—	—	——	—	—
Albany,	18	25	3149	—	6
Columbia,	—	—	——	—	—
Otsego,	10	4	669	1	6
Londonderry,	27	13	1185	19	9
Troy,	8	20	——	5	4
Synod of New York and New Jersey.					
Long Island,	15	16	1188	1	4
Hudson,	16	22	2305	—	6
North River,	13	21	1544	1	4
New York,	14	14	2111	3	—
Jersey,	31	34	5232	8	10
New Brunswick,	No report.				
Newton,	16	29	1866	1	4
Synod of Philadelphia.					
Philadelphia,	29	40	4118	3	6
Newcastle,	27	48	2986	2	2
Carlisle,	22	33	3343	1	1
Huntingdon,	11	29	1638	—	—
Northumberland	9	15	1220	1	1
Baltimore,	14	14	616	4	1
Synod of Pittsburgh.					
Redstone,	23	44	1397	—	—
Allegheny,	8	21	626	—	—
Ohio,	13	18	882	—	4
Erie,	13	47	737	—	—
Green River,	12	23	464	—	—
Portage,	11	33	1083	—	—
Hartford,	10	22	1246	2	—
Washington,	10	19	1661	—	—
Steubenville,	7	12	438	1	1
Synod of Virginia.					
Hanover,	18	32	818	9	6
Lexington,	16	32	1434	1	—
Winchester,	13	16	780	2	—
Abingdon,	No report.				
Synod of Kentucky.					
Transylvania,	9	17	863	1	2
West Lexington,	14	29	047	—	1
Louisville,	11	23	435	—	1
Ebenezer,	7	17	1186	—	2
Synod of Ohio.					
Washington,	13	29	1973	—	—
Lancaster,	14	41	1371	2	1
Miami,	21	40	1439	3	—
Richlands,	8	30	1127	—	—
Synod of Tennessee.					
Union,	9	22	646	7	1
West Tennessee,	12	15	548	1	1
Shiloh,	No report.				
Mississippi,	No report.				
Missouri,	No report.				
Synod of North Carolina.					
Orange,	10	22	832	6	4
Fayetteville,	13	32	1325	1	—
Concord,	20	58	3743	2	4
Synod of South Carolina and Georgia.					
South Carolina,	13	30	972	3	3
Hopewell,	No report.				
Harmony,	17	26	276	1	1
Alabama,	No report.				

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

1821.

PHILADELPHIA, *May* 17, 1821.

THE General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, met, agreeably to appointment, in the Seventh Presbyterian Church in the city of Philadelphia, May 17, 1821, at 11 o'clock, A. M., and was opened by the Rev. John M'Dowell, D. D., the Moderator of the last Assembly, with a sermon from Mark xvi. 15. "And he said unto them, go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature."

After prayer, the commissions were read, and it appeared that the following ministers and elders were duly appointed, and attended as commissioners to the Assembly: viz.—

PRESBYTERY OF NIAGARA—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF GENESSEE—*Minister*—Rev. Ephraim Chapin. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF ROCHESTER—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF ONTARIO—*Minister*—Rev. Warren Day. *Elder*—Mr. Elisha Parish.

PRESBYTERY OF GENEVA—*Ministers*—Rev. Henry Axtell, Samuel W. Brace. *Elder*—Mr. Seth M. Maltby.

PRESBYTERY OF CAYUGA—*Minister*—Rev. Joshua Dean. *Elder*—Mr. Asa K. Buell.

PRESBYTERY OF ONONDAGA—*Ministers*—Rev. Truman Baldwin, John Brown. *Elder*—Mr. Sylvester Aylsworth.

PRESBYTERY OF OTSEGO—*Minister*—Rev. John Truair. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF ONEIDA—*Minister*—Rev. Noah Coe. *Elders*—Mr. William Williams, Henry M'Neal.

PRESBYTERY OF ST. LAWRENCE—*Minister*—Rev. James M'Auley. *Elder*—Mr. John Fine.

PRESBYTERY OF CHAMPLAIN—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF LONDONDERRY—*Minister*—Rev. Samuel Harris. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF ALBANY—*Ministers*—Rev. John Chester, Walter Monteith, Halsey A. Wood. *Elders*—Mr. Philo Hurd, Ananias Platt, David Boyd.

PRESBYTERY OF TROY—*Minister*—Rev. Samuel Blatchford, D. D. *Elder*—Mr. Seth Seeley.

PRESBYTERY OF COLUMBIA—*Minister*—Rev. David Porter, D. D. *Elder*—Mr. Wilkes Hyde.

PRESBYTERY OF NORTH RIVER—*Ministers*—Rev. James J. Ostrom, Joel Osborn. *Elder*—Mr. Leonard Smith.

PRESBYTERY OF HUDSON—*Minister*—Rev. Isaac Van Doren. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF LONG ISLAND—*Ministers*—Rev. Samuel Robertson, John M. Babbit. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF NEW YORK—*Ministers*—Rev. Renry R. Weed, Alexander M'Clelland. *Elders*—Mr. Benjamin Strong, Robert Lenox.

PRESBYTERY OF JERSEY—*Ministers*—Rev. Buckley Carll, John M'Dowell, D. D., Jacob Green. *Elders*—Mr. Obadiah Woodruff, Alexander Sample.

PRESBYTERY OF NEWTON—*Minister*—Rev. John F. Clark. *Elder*—Mr. Adam Ramsay.

PRESBYTERY OF NEW BRUNSWICK—*Ministers*—Rev. Ashbel Green, D. D. LL. D., George S. Woodhull. *Elders*—Mr. James Ewing, Robert M'Neily.

PRESBYTERY OF PHILADELPHIA—*Ministers*—Rev. Jonathan Freeman, George Chandler, George W. Janvier, William M. Engles. *Elders*—Mr. Dan Simkins, Wm. Nassau, Joseph R. Dickson.

PRESBYTERY OF NEWCASTLE—*Ministers*—Rev. John E. Latta, Robert White, Robert Kerr. *Elders*—Mr. Robert Hunter, Amos Slaymaker.

PRESBYTERY OF BALTIMORE—*Ministers*—Rev. Reuben Post, William Nevins. *Elder*—Dr. Thomas Patterson.

PRESBYTERY OF CARLISLE—*Ministers*—Rev. Robert Cathcart, D. D., Isaac Keller, William R. De Witt. *Elders*—Dr. Samuel Agnew, Mr. James Ross.

PRESBYTERY OF HUNTINGDON—*Ministers*—Rev. John Hutcheson, James Galbreath. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF NORTHUMBERLAND—*Minister*—Rev. Samuel Henderson. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF REDSTONE—*Ministers*—Rev. Robert Johnson, William Speir, Francis Herron. *Elder*—Mr. John M. Snowden.

PRESBYTERY OF OHIO—*Minister*—Rev. William M'Millan. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF WASHINGTON, (Pa.)—*Minister*—Rev. Andrew Wylie. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF STEUBENVILLE—*Minister*—Rev. James Snodgrass. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF ERIE—*Minister*—Rev. Timothy Alden. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF ALLEGHENY—*Minister*—Rev. John Munson. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF HARTFORD—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF GRAND RIVER—*Minister*—Rev. Randolph Stone. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF PORTAGE—*Minister*—Rev. Simeon Woodruff. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF WINCHESTER—*Ministers*—Rev. William Hill, D. D., Rev. John B. Hoge. *Elder*—Mr. John C. Vowell.

PRESBYTERY OF LEXINGTON—*Ministers*—Rev. Andrew B. Davidson, Daniel Baker. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF HANOVER—*Minister*—Rev. Joshua T. Russell. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF ABINGDON—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF WEST LEXINGTON—*Minister*—Rev. Robert Stuart. *Elder*—Mr. John Boude.

PRESBYTERY OF EBENEZER—*Minister*—Rev. William L. M'Calla. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF TRANSYLVANIA—*Minister*—Rev. James C. Barnes. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF MUHLENBERG—*Minister*—Rev. James Culbertson. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF LOUISVILLE—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF LANCASTER—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF WASHINGTON—*Ministers*—Rev. Robert G. Wilson, D. D., Dyer Burgess. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF MIAMI—*Minister*—Rev. David Monfort. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF RICHLAND—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF UNION—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.
PRESBYTERY OF WEST TENNESSEE—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.
PRESBYTERY OF SHILOH—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.
PRESBYTERY OF MISSISSIPPI—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.
PRESBYTERY OF MISSOURI—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.
PRESBYTERY OF ORANGE—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.
PRESBYTERY OF FAYETTEVILLE—*Minister*—Rev. William D. Snodgrass. *Elder*—None.
PRESBYTERY OF CONCORD—*Minister*—Rev. Robert H. Morrison. *Elder*—None.
PRESBYTERY OF HARMONY—*Minister*—Rev. George Reid. *Elder*—None.
PRESBYTERY OF SOUTH CAROLINA—*Minister*—Rev. James Hillhouse. *Elder*—None.
PRESBYTERY OF HOPEWELL—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.
GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF CONNECTICUT—*Ministers*—Rev. Jeremiah Day, D. D. LL. D., Thomas Robins.
GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF NEW HAMPSHIRE—*Minister*—Rev. John H. Church.
GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF MASSACHUSETTS—*Minister*—Rev. John Fisk.
GENERAL CONVENTION OF VERMONT—*Minister*—None.
GENERAL SYNOD OF THE ASSOCIATE REFORMED CHURCH—*Ministers*—Rev. Robert B. E. M'Leod, Mr. Robert Patterson.

The General Assembly proceeded to elect a Moderator and Temporary Clerk; and the Rev. William Hill, D. D. was chosen Moderator, and Rev. Robert Cathcart, D. D. was chosen Temporary Clerk.

Dr. George Pomeroy, a ruling elder from the Presbytery of Otsego, appeared in the Assembly without a commission, but sufficient testimony was received that he had been duly chosen a commissioner, and he was admitted as a member, and took his seat accordingly.

The minutes of the last Assembly were read.

The Rev. Messrs. Henry Axtell, F. Herron, Joshua Russell, J. H. Church, J. Hillhouse, and Messrs. Seeley, Lenox, Snowden, and Vowell were appointed a committee of bills and overtures, to meet in this church to-morrow morning at 6 o'clock, and afterwards on their own adjournments.

The Rev. Drs. Blatchford, M'Dowell, Green, Day, and Messrs. Joseph R. Dickson, Amos Slaymaker, and Dr. Agnew, were appointed a judicial committee.

Resolved, That a free conversation on the state of religion be the order of the day for Monday next.

Resolved, That the General Assembly, and such persons as may choose to unite with them, will spend a part of next Wednesday evening in special prayer for the outpouring of the Spirit on our churches, and in other religious exercises, and that the Rev. Dr. R. G. Wilson, and Messrs. Hoge and Wylie, be a committee to make arrangements for the evening, and to designate persons to lead in the exercises.

Adjourned till 9 o'clock to-morrow morning. Concluded with prayer.

May 18th, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Assembly met, and was constituted by prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The Rev. Horace Galpin, of the Presbytery of Newton, appeared in the Assembly, and his commission being read, he took his seat as a member.

The following resolution, viz., "*Resolved*, That the committee for printing the Minutes of the Assembly be instructed to publish the whole of the minutes, without any omission," was submitted to the Assembly, and, after some discussion, the further consideration of it was made the order of the day for to-morrow morning.

Resolved, That Messrs. Culbertson, Reid and Vowell, be a committee to examine the records of the Synod of Geneva.

That Messrs. Robertson, Dewitt, and Leonard Smith, be a committee to examine the records of the Synod of Albany.

That Messrs. White, Keller, and Ross, be a committee to examine the records of the Synod of New York and New Jersey.

That Messrs. Brace, Truair, and Hyde, be a committee to examine the records of the Synod of Philadelphia.

That Messrs. Kerr, M'Clelland, and Sample be a committee to examine the records of the Synod of Pittsburgh.

That Messrs. Baldwin, Harris, and Snowden, be a committee to examine the records of the Synod of Virginia.

That Messrs. Vandoren, Post and Nassau, be a committee to examine the records of the Synod of Kentucky.

That Messrs. Davidson, Galbreath and Simkins, be a committee to examine the records of the Synod of Ohio.

That Dr. Porter, and Messrs. Dean and Lenox, be a committee to examine the records of the Synod of Tennessee.

That Messrs. Chester, Hutchinson, and Obadiah Woodruff, be a committee to examine the records of the Synod of North Carolina.

And that Messrs. Wylie, Baker, and Platt, be a committee to examine the records of the Synod of South Carolina and Georgia.

Messrs. Strong and Wm. Williams were appointed a committee to receive an account of the distances travelled by the commissioners in coming to the Assembly; and to make a distribution of the Commissioners' Fund, agreeably to a standing rule on the subject.

The Presbyteries were called upon to report their several decisions on the revised form of government and forms of process sent down by the last Assembly, and their reports being read, were committed to Dr. M'Dowell and Mr. Chester to ascertain precisely the decisions of the several Presbyteries on the subject, and report their decision to this Assembly.

An attested paper from the Presbytery of Washington was received, and being read, was referred to the Judicial Committee.

Reports from the Presbyteries on the subject of educating poor and pious youth for the gospel ministry, were called for; and Messrs. Herron and Reid were appointed a committee to prepare a statement, exhibiting a view of the reports received, and the decisions made by the Assembly upon them severally. After considerable progress had been made in receiving and reading these reports, the Assembly

Adjourned till 4 o'clock, P. M. Concluded with prayer.

Four o'clock, P. M.

The Assembly met and was constituted by prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The Rev. Sereno E. Dwight, delegate from the General Association of Massachusetts, appeared in the Assembly; his certificate being read, he took his seat as a member.

The Rev. Ebenezer Everett, commissioner from the Presbytery of Rochester; the Rev. Wm. M. Adams, from the Presbytery of Cayuga; the Rev. Shepard K. Kollock, from the Presbytery of Orange; Mr Henry Southard, ruling elder from the Presbytery of Newton; Mr. Jesse Hickok, ruling elder from the Presbytery of Cayuga, appeared in the Assembly, and their commissions being read, they took their seats as members.

Mr. Chandler resigned his seat to the Rev. James P. Wilson, D. D. the principal mentioned in their commission; and Mr. Weed resigned his seat to the

Rev. Stephen N. Rowan, the principal mentioned in their commission; and Dr. Wilson and Mr. Rowan being present, took their seats.

The business left unfinished in the morning, viz. receiving reports from the Presbyteries on the subject of educating poor and pious youth for the gospel ministry, was resumed and finished.

The committee appointed to ascertain the decisions of the several Presbyteries on the subject of the revised form of government, and forms of process, and the amendments to the directory, sent down by the last Assembly, reported, and their report being read, was adopted, and is as follows, viz.

That there are connected with this Assembly, sixty-two Presbyteries; that, therefore, the affirmative vote of thirty-two Presbyteries is necessary to make any one article binding; that forty-five Presbyteries have reported to the Assembly their decisions on each chapter, section and article; that from these reports it appears that the most of the articles have been adopted unanimously, and that every chapter, section, and article, has been adopted by a majority of the whole number of Presbyteries; that the smallest number of votes given for any one article, is thirty-seven; that, therefore, *the whole of the proposed amendments* sent down by the last Assembly to the Presbyteries is ratified, and becomes a part of the constitution.

Drs. Blatchford, M'Dowell and Wilson, and Messrs. Herron and Wm. Williams, were appointed a committee to determine upon the plan of printing a new edition of the Confession of Faith, and Constitution of the Church.

The receiving of the Synodical and Presbyterial reports was made the order of the day for to-morrow morning.

The delegate appointed by the last Assembly to attend the general Association of New Hampshire, and the General Convention of Vermont, reported that he had attended.

One hundred and fifty copies of the printed extracts of the minutes of the General Association of New Hampshire, were presented to the Assembly. *Resolved*, That each member of the Assembly be allowed to take a copy of these extracts.

Resolved, That one copy of the Digest be presented to each of the Ecclesiastical bodies connected with this Assembly.

It was determined by a vote of reconsideration, to receive the Synodical and Presbyterial reports; and Messrs. Barnes and Wm. D. Snodgrass, were appointed a committee to receive the reports, and after accurate examination of them, to read to the Assembly those parts of them which they may think necessary to be read for the information of the Assembly; and also to prepare a statement to be transcribed into the compendious view.

After some progress had been made in receiving these reports, the Assembly Adjourned till 9 o'clock to-morrow morning. Concluded with prayer.

May 19th, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Assembly met, and was constituted by prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The Rev. Aaron Condit, commissioner from the Presbytery of Jersey, the Rev. Marcus Ford, from the Presbytery of Cayuga, and the Rev. Thomas H. Steward, from the Presbytery of Huntingdon, appeared in the Assembly, and their commissions having been read, they took their seats as members.

It being the order of the day, the consideration of the following resolution was resumed, and after some discussion, it was amended and adopted, and is as follows, viz.

Resolved, That the committee for printing the minutes of the Assembly be instructed to publish the whole of the minutes without any omission, except so much as shall be restricted by a vote of the Assembly.

A number of overtures were brought in by the committee of bills and overtures, and were put upon the docket.

The unfinished business of yesterday, viz. the receiving of the Presbyterial and Synodical reports, was resumed and finished.

An overture from the Synod of North Carolina was received and read, and is as follows:

Whereas the General Assembly is the highest and most important judicatory of the Presbyterian church: and whereas, to obtain the divine blessing on that judicatory, must appear to every Christian of our denomination, to be a matter of the utmost moment: therefore

Resolved, That this Synod do respectfully suggest to the General Assembly, the propriety of recommending to all the churches under their care, to observe annually, the afternoon or evening previous to the meeting of that body, as a season of special prayer to Almighty God for his blessing; that he would of his infinite mercy condescend to superintend and direct all their measures, deliberations and decisions; so that all may redound to the promotion of his own glory, and the general prosperity of that particular church to which we belong.

After some discussion, the above overture was adopted.

The following overture from the Presbytery of Baltimore was received and read, viz. "That after the 12th article of the 10th chapter of the revised Form of Government, the following be added: XIII. Every Presbytery shall judge of the qualifications of its own members." On motion,

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to grant the request contained in this overture, or to make any new alterations at present, in the book of Discipline.

The committee appointed to make a statement to the Assembly of the attention which the several Presbyteries had paid to the education of poor and pious youth, from their reports upon the subject, made the following report, which was read, amended, and adopted, viz.

That the Presbyteries of Ontario, Geneva, Cayuga, Onondaga, Otsego, Columbia, Troy, Oneida, Londonderry, Albany, North River, Hudson, Long Island, New York, Jersey, Newton, New Brunswick, Philadelphia, New Castle, Carlisle, Northumberland, Redstone, Ohio, Portage, Washington, (Pa.) Steubenville, Erie, Grand River, Baltimore, Winchester, Lexington, Hanover, West Lexington, Transylvania, Ebenezer, Lancaster, Washington, (Ohio) Miami, Missouri, Orange, and Fayetteville, have complied with the rule of the Assembly.

That the Presbyteries of Genessee, Rochester, St. Lawrence, Huntingdon, Allegheny, Concord, Harmony, and South Carolina, have not complied; but having offered satisfactory reasons were excused.

From the Presbyteries of Niagara, Champlain, Hartford, Richland, Union, West Tennessee, Abingdon, Hopewell, Shiloh, Alabama, and Mississippi, no reports have been received.

The committee further report, that from all the communications which have been received, it appears that there are seventy-three young men in different stages of education, under the care of the several Presbyteries.

The committee regret that the several Presbyteries have not in all cases complied with the former request of the General Assembly, by sending up their reports in writing.

An overture from the Synod of Philadelphia, requesting the General Assembly so to regulate the future elections for members of the Board of Education, and for Directors and Professors of the Theological Seminary, that no person can be chosen but by a majority of all the votes, was received and read; whereupon, resolved that it is inexpedient to grant the request contained in this overture.

An overture was received from the Presbytery of Orange, requesting the opinion of the General Assembly on the question whether it be proper to ordain

licentiates to the office of the gospel ministry on the Sabbath day. The General Assembly think it would not be for edification to adopt a uniform rule on the subject. In general they think it is not expedient that ordinations should take place on the Sabbath; yet that there may be cases in which urgent or peculiar circumstances may demand them. The Assembly, therefore, judged it best to leave it to the Presbyteries to act, in this concern, as they may judge that their duty requires.

The Assembly were informed that the Synod of South Carolina and Georgia had resolved to endow a professorship in the Theological Seminary, with a capital of $30,000; and that the Synod of New York and New Jersey, and the Synod of Philadelphia, have each resolved to endow a professorship in the Theological Seminary, with a capital of $25,000. The above communications were committed to Dr. M'Dowell and Mr. Woodhull.

On motion, the stated clerk was directed to furnish the Synod of the Associate Reformed Church, with twenty copies of the printed extracts of the Assembly for the last year, if so many could be spared.

Mr. Latta and Mr. M'Calla, obtained leave of absence until Monday morning.

The committee, which, by the General Assembly of the last year, were authorized to employ two or more agents to solicit contributions for the Theological Seminary, reported as follows, viz.

"That they early attended to the duty assigned them, and commissioned two agents, viz., the Rev. Dr. M'Dowell, of Elizabethtown, and Dr. Neill of Philadelphia. It is known to your committee that Dr. M'Dowell and Dr. Neill, have done something in the business of their agency, which it is presumed they will report to the Assembly." The above report being read, was on motion adopted.

Resolved, That hearing the report of the directors of the Theological Seminary, be the order of the day for Tuesday morning.

Adjourned till 9 o'clock, on Monday morning. Concluded with prayer.

May 21, 1821, 9 *o'clock, A. M.*

The Assembly met, and was constituted by prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

One hundred and fifty copies of the printed Extracts of the Minutes of the General Association of Massachusetts were received, and one copy was given to each member.

It being the order of the day, the Assembly proceeded to receive communications on the state of religion; and Messrs. Rowan, Truair, Post, Kollock and Fisk, were appointed a committee to prepare a connected narrative on the subject, and submit it to the Assembly.

After some progress had been made in the business, it was suspended to attend to the following resolution, which being read, was unanimously adopted, viz. Whereas the Associate Reformed church and the Presbyterian church in the United States of America, are one in their Confession of Faith and Form of Government; and whereas this Assembly knows of no reason why these two ecclesiastical bodies should not become visibly one church, as we trust we are one in Christ Jesus to the glory of God: Therefore, resolved, that Dr. Green, Dr. Blatchford, Dr. M'Dowell, Mr. B. Strong, and Mr. Henry Southard, be a committee to confer on this subject, with a similar committee from the Associate Reformed Synod, now in session in this city, if they shall see fit to appoint one; and that said committee report the result of their conference, as soon as convenient.

The order of the day was resumed, and after further progress had been made, the Assembly

Adjourned till 4 o'clock, P. M. Concluded with prayer.

4 o'clock, P. M.

The Assembly met, and was constituted by prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

Mr. Samuel Bradley, ruling elder from the Presbytery of Niagara, appeared in the Assembly, and, his commission being read, he took his seat as a member.

The business left unfinished in the morning, viz., receiving communications on the state of religion, was resumed, and nearly finished.

Resolved, That hearing the report of the Board of Missions be the order of the day for to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Adjourned, till 9 o'clock to-morrow morning. Concluded with prayer.

May 22, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Assembly met, and was constituted by prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

Mr. Woodhull resigned his seat to the Rev. Samuel Miller, D. D., the principal mentioned in their commission, and Mr. Janvier resigned his seat to the Rev. Ezra S. Ely, D. D. the alternate mentioned in their commission, and Drs. Miller and Ely, being present, took their seats.

Resolved, That the Board of Missions be requested to present the thanks of this Assembly to the Rev. William Hill, D. D. for the missionary sermon which, by their appointment, he had preached last evening.

The committee to which was referred an extract from the minutes of the Synod of North Carolina, in which that "Synod respectfully suggest to the General Assembly the propriety of adopting it as a standing rule of that body—that no Professor of the Theological Seminary be appointed, unless a resolution specifying the time of such appointment be passed at a previous meeting of the Assembly, and made known to the churches through the printed Extracts of the General Assembly"—reported, and their report being read, was adopted, and is as follows, viz. That your committee recommend that, on the suggestion of the Synod of North Carolina, as specified above, the General Assembly adopt the following resolution, viz.

Resolved, That the General Assembly highly approve of the solicitude manifested by the Synod of North Carolina to prevent haste, partiality, or error, in a concern so deeply interesting to the church as the appointment of a Professor in the Theological Seminary, and recognize the high importance of using all practicable means to ensure, in every election of a theological professor, the choice of a teacher who will not only be able to communicate knowledge, but be solicitous to preserve the purity of the church, and a strict adherence to its standards in doctrine and in government; yet that the Assembly judge, that the measure suggested by the Synod of North Carolina would not, if adopted, be the best calculated to promote the design intended; and therefore, that it will remain for the Assembly to guard against the evil contemplated, by other provisions, more practicable in their nature and efficient in their tendency.

The business left unfinished yesterday afternoon, viz. receiving communications on the state of religion, was resumed and finished.

Two overtures were reported by the committee of bills and overtures, and were put on the docket.

It being the order of the day to hear the Report of the Board of the Directors of the Theological Seminary, they reported; and their report being read, was committed to Messrs. Freeman, Spear, Nevins, Platt and Nassau.

Mr. Chester obtained leave of absence, during the remainder of the sessions of this Assembly.

In answer to a communication made yesterday by the Assembly to the General Synod of the Associate Reformed Church, the following communication was received and read, viz.

"In general Synod of the Associate Reformed Church,

"*Resolved*, That the Rev. Dr. Mason, the Rev. Messrs. Dickey and Lind, together with Messrs. Cushing and Wilson, elders, be appointed a committee, to confer with the committee appointed by the General Assembly, on the subject of the union of the two churches.

By order of the General Synod,

"JOHN LIND, *Moderator.*

"R. M'CARTEE, *Clerk General Synod.*

"*Philadelphia, May* 22, 1821."

It being the order of the day for 10 o'clock, the Board of Missions read their Annual Report, and it was committed to Messrs. Wylie and Herron, to report to the Assembly the several particulars in the report, which require the attention of the Assembly.

The judicial committee brought into the Assembly a number of appeals and complaints, which, it was agreed, should be taken up at such times as the Assembly might think proper.

The following appeal was then taken up, viz. the appeal of William Vance from the decision of the Presbytery of Washington, affirming the judgment of the Session of Cross Creek, which pronounces his marriage with his deceased wife's sister to be incestuous

After the documents on the subject, and Mr. Vance's defence had been read, the Assembly

Adjourned till 4 o'clock, P. M. Concluded with prayer.

4 o'clock, P. M.

The Assembly met and was constituted by prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

Mr. Galpin resigned his seat to the Rev. Halloway W. Hunt, the Principal mentioned in their commission, and Mr. White resigned his seat to the Rev. Elkanah K. Dare; and Messrs. Hunt and Dare being present, took their seats.

The business left unfinished in the morning, viz. the consideration of the appeal of William Vance from the decision of the Presbytery of Washington, affirming a judgment of the session of Cross Creek, which pronounces his marriage with his deceased wife's sister to be incestuous, was resumed.

After a long discussion of a motion to affirm the decision of the Presbytery, and also of a motion to refer the case to the Session of Cross Creek, the subject was committed to Drs. Miller, Robert G. Wilson, and James P. Wilson, to report to the Assembly such a decision as they may think ought to be adopted in the case.

Adjourned till 9 o'clock to-morrow morning. Concluded with prayer.

May 23, 9 *o'clock, A. M.*

The Assembly met, and was constituted by prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The committee appointed to examine the records of the Synod of Kentucky, reported, and their report being read, was re-committed to the same committee.

The committee to which the Synodical and Presbyterial Reports had been referred, submitted their report to the Assembly, and being read, it was re-committed to the same committee to select and prepare a part of it for publication.

The committee appointed to confer with a committee from the Associate Reformed Synod, presented as their report the following minutes of proceedings, viz.

"The committee appointed by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, and the committee appointed by the General Synod of the Associate

Reformed Church, to confer with respect to an union of the two bodies, met at the house of Jonathan Smith, Esq. The Rev. Dr. Green was chosen chairman of the meeting, and the Rev. John Lind secretary. The business was introduced with prayer by Dr. Green.

"On motion of Dr. Blatchford, seconded by Dr. Mason, it was resolved, unanimously, as the judgment of the conferring committees, that an union of the two churches is both desirable and practicable.

"The following articles were then proposed, and unanimously approved as the basis of such an union:

"1. The different Presbyteries of the Associate Reformed church, shall either retain their separate organization, or shall be amalgamated with those of the General Assembly, at their own choice. In the former case, they shall have as full powers and privileges as any other Presbyteries in the united body, and shall attach themselves to the synods most convenient.

"2. The Theological Seminary at Princeton, under the care of the General Assembly, and the Theological Seminary of the Associate Reformed church, shall be consolidated.

"3. Whereas moneys to the amount of between nine and ten thousand dollars, which were given to the General Synod of the Associate Reformed church, and of which the interest or product only was to be applied to the support of a Theological Seminary, were necessarily used in the current expenses thereof; which moneys so expended were assumed by the Synod as its own debt, at an interest of seven per cent.; the united body agree to make a joint effort to repay the same, and will apply the interest accruing thereon to the maintenance of a *Professorship of Biblical Literature*, in the Seminary at Princeton, analogous to that which now exists in the Associate Reformed church: and until such professorship shall be established, the said interest or product shall be used for the general purposes of the Seminary.

"4. The Theological Library and Funds belonging to the Associate Reformed church, shall be transferred, and belong to the Seminary at Princeton.

"These articles having been approved, were ordered to be transcribed and signed, and a copy of them transmitted to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian church, and the General Synod of the Associate Reformed church, respectively.

"The meeting was closed with prayer by the Rev. Ebenezer Dickey.

"All which is respectfully submitted.

"Ashbel Green, Samuel Blatchford, John M'Dowell, Henry Southard, Benjamin Strong, J. M. Mason, Ebenezer Dickey, John Lind, William Wilson, Joseph Cushing."

The foregoing report having been read, and duly considered, was unanimously adopted.

Ordered, That the committee of conference on this subject, wait on the Synod of the Associate Reformed church, and inform them of the adoption of the articles of union on the part of this General Assembly.

The committee appointed to examine the records of the Synod of Ohio, reported, and the book was approved to page 127.

The committee appointed to examine the records of the Synod of Pittsburgh, reported, and the book was approved to page 113.

The committee reported a reference to the General Assembly, contained in this book, in pages 108–9.

The committee appointed to examine the records of the Synod of Geneva, reported, and their report being read, was, after a discussion of considerable length, recommitted to the same committee, with the addition of Drs. Miller and Blatchford.

The committee appointed to examine the records of the Synod of New York and New Jersey, reported, and the book was approved to page 21.

Drs. Neill and M'Dowell, the agents appointed last year to solicit donations for the Theological Seminary, reported that they had attended to the duty assigned them.

The committee to which the Synodical and Presbyterial reports had been committed, reported, and their report being read, it was directed that the stated clerk transcribe it into the Compendious View. It was also ordered by the Assembly, that the following part be printed, viz.

"From this compendious view, it appears that there are, at this time, *sixty-two* Presbyteries under the care of this Assembly. Of these, reports have been received, for the last year, from 50. Forty-eight have reported on the number of communicants added during the last year; and 49 on the whole number of communicants. Forty-eight have reported on the number of baptisms; 9 on collections for Presbytery; 31 for the education of pious youth; 30 for the missionary fund; 41 for the commissioners' fund; and 18 for the Theological Seminary. Of 1300 congregations, the whole number reported [by 50 Presbyteries,] 578 have reported the number of communicants added to them the last year, to be 7,186; and 651 the total number now in communion, to be 71,364; 373 congregations have reported the number of adult baptisms in them to be 2,101; and 494 the number of infant baptisms at 8,105. The 50 Presbyteries which have reported, contain 546 ministers with charges, and 188 without, giving a total of 734; and have under their care 103 licentiates, and 101 candidates. The congregations within the bounds of these 50 Presbyteries, statedly supplied, are 793; vacant and able to support a pastor, 103; united able, 20; and unable, 318.

"The committee further observe, by way of explanation, that the compendious view, now submitted, is by no means an adequate exhibition of the state of the churches under the care of this Assembly; either as to the number of ministers, the number of the churches, the number of communicants, or the number of baptisms. It will be seen that there are 12 Presbyteries from which no reports have been received on either of these items; that there are 14 who have not reported the number of additions during the last year; and thirteen who have made no report on the total number of communicants. It will also be seen that only 578 congregations, which is not quite half of the whole number reported, have reported the number of additions during the last year; and that only 651 have reported the whole number of communicants; and that only 373 have reported the number of adult baptisms; and only 494 have reported the number of infant baptisms. There is, therefore, manifestly, a great deficiency in the whole number of baptisms and additions during the last year, as well as in the whole number of communicants."

The judicial committee brought into the Assembly a paper requiring the attention of the Assembly, and it was put upon the docket.

The committee appointed to examine the records of the Synod of Geneva, reported, and their report being read, was adopted, and is as follows, viz.

"That the book be approved to page 235, with the exception of pages 215, 224, 229, relative to certain appeals, in which the nature of the offence on which the appeals are founded, is not specified; and of pages 227 and 228, in which the conduct of the Presbytery of Cayuga is censured without prosecuting the subject to a proper issue; and in pages 270 and 271, where the conduct of the Presbytery of Ontario is censured for condemning the conduct of Mr. Foreman, a suspended minister, for exercising the rights of a common Christian, in illustrating scripture and delivering exhortations; because, without deciding on the rights of common Christians in this matter. Mr. Foreman being suspended from the ministry, ought by no means to be considered as occupying the ground of a common Christian in good standing."

A nomination was made of persons to fill up the vacancies in the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary, and the election was made the order of the day for to-morrow morning.

A nomination of persons to be chosen Delegates to the several ecclesiastical bodies connected with the Assembly, was also made, and the election was made the order of the day for this afternoon.

The Synod of Geneva requested that said Synod be divided in the following manner, and their request was granted, viz.

That the Presbyteries of Niagara, Genessee, Rochester, and Ontario, be erected into a Synod, to be known by the name of the Synod of Genessee, and that they hold their first meeting at Rochester, on the third Tuesday of September next, at two o'clock, P. M., and be opened with a sermon by the Rev. Ebenezer Fitch, D. D., or in case of his absence, by the senior minister present, and afterwards meet on their own adjournments; that the remaining Presbyteries constitute the Synod of Geneva, and that they meet on their own adjournments.

A reference from the Synod of Geneva, relative to the validity of the ordination of a Baptist elder, was overtured, and the overture was committed to Drs. Green and Miller, and Messrs. John Brown, John B. Hoge, and Reid.

A reference from the Synod of Pittsburgh, on the subject of Free Masonry, was received and read. After some discussion on the subject, the further consideration of it was postponed till the afternoon.

Mr. Lenox obtained leave of absence during the remaining sessions of this Assembly.

The following communication from the General Synod of the Associate Reformed Church, was received and read, viz.

"In General Synod of the Associate Reformed Church,

"*Resolved*, That this Synod approve of the plan of union agreed upon by the joint committees; and refer the same to the consideration of the different Presbyteries, with an injunction to report their judgment to this Synod at its next meeting. By order,

"R. M'Cartee,

"Philadelphia, May 23, 1821. "*Clerk of the General Synod.*"

Adjourned till 4 o'clock, P. M. Concluded with prayer.

Four o'clock, P. M.

The Assembly met, and was constituted by prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

Mr. John W. Cunningham, a ruling elder from the Presbytery of New Castle, appeared in the Assembly, and his commission being read, he took his seat as a member.

It being the order of the day for this afternoon, an election was held for delegates to attend the several ecclesiastical bodies connected with this Assembly. The ballots were taken and committed to Messrs. Davidson and Russell, to count the votes, and report to the Assembly, the names of the persons chosen.

This committee reported, and their report being read, the following persons were declared duly chosen, viz.

Rev. Wm. Neill, D. D., Rev. John Chester, and Rev. Artemas Dean, to attend the next meeting of the General Association of Connecticut; Dr. Neill, and Mr. Chester, to attend the next meeting of the General Association of Massachusetts; and Mr. Dean was appointed an alternate to either of these delegates, who may fail to attend.

The Rev. Samuel Blatchford, D. D. to attend the next meeting of the General Convention of Vermont, and of the General Association of New Hampshire; and the Rev. Ira M. Olds was appointed his alternate.

The Rev. John M'Dowell, D. D. and Mr. Alexander Henry, elder, to attend

the next meeting of the Synod of the Associate Reformed Church, and the Rev. Ezra S. Ely, D. D. and Mr. Samuel Bayard, elder, were appointed their alternates.

The connected narrative of the state of religion was read, and after several amendments had been adopted, it was agreed that it be read as a part of the exercises assigned for this evening, and that it be submitted again to the Assembly for further amendment.

Adjourned till 9 o'clock, to-morrow morning. Concluded with prayer.

May 24th, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Assembly met, and was constituted by prayer.

Mr. Ramsay resigned his seat to Mr. George R. King, the alternate mentioned in their commission, and Mr. King being present, took his seat.

Dr. Agnew obtained leave of absence, (after to-morrow morning) during the remaining sessions of this Assembly.

It being the order of the day for this morning, an election was held for directors of the Theological Seminary. The ballots being taken, were committed to Messrs. Truair, Axtell, and Barnes, to report to the Assembly the number of votes given for the several candidates.

This committee reported, and from their report it appeared that the following persons were duly elected directors of the Theological Seminary for three years, viz. Rev. Drs. Ashbel Green, John M'Dowell, John B. Romeyn, William Neill, Jacob J. Janeway, and James Richards, and Rev. Ebenezer Grant, ministers; and Messrs. Samuel Bayard, Thomas Bradford, jun. and Benjamin Strong, elders.

The religious exercises assigned for last evening were attended to, and the audience was large, attentive and solemn.

The committee to whom was referred the information, received by the Assembly, respecting resolutions by certain Synods, to attempt to endow professorships in the Theological Seminary at Princeton, reported, and their report being read, was adopted, and is as follows, viz.

That the Assembly have heard with unfeigned pleasure, the information that the Synod of Philadelphia have resolved to endow a professorship in the Theological Seminary at Princeton, with a capital of $25,000; that the Synod of New York and New Jersey, have resolved to endow another professorship with a like capital of $25,000; and that the Synod of North Carolina, and the Synod of South Carolina and Georgia, have jointly resolved to endow another professorship, with a capital of $30,000. And the Assembly doubt not that the laudable spirit of zeal which originated these resolutions, will lead to speedy and efficient measures, completely to accomplish the important objects contemplated.

The committee appointed to determine upon the plan of printing a new edition of the Confession of Faith, and Constitution of the Church, presented a report, which was accepted; whereupon the Assembly *resolved*,

1. That the Rev. Dr. Ely be appointed a committee to procure in the name of the Trustees of the General Assembly, the privilege of a copy-right for the publishing of the Confession of Faith, and Constitution of the Church; and that he be charged with seeing that every part of the law concerning the securing said right be fully complied with.

2. That any printer, so disposed, may print any number of copies of said book, as he shall think proper, subject to the following restrictions:

3. That to secure authentic copies of so important a publication, three ministers of each of the Synods of our church be designated as a committee in their respective bounds, whose duty it shall be to form contracts for the payment of the premium hereinafter mentioned, and carefully to examine the proof sheets

of said book. Their signatures shall be regarded as necessary certificates of authenticity.

4. That each printer of said book, for the privilege of printing, shall pay the sum of three cents per copy, to the treasurer of the General Assembly; to be equally divided between the missionary funds belonging to this Assembly, and the funds of the Theological Seminary at Princeton.

5. That the committee of the Synod of Philadelphia be directed to have the book printed as speedily as possible.

The Assembly then proceeded to appoint the following committees in their respective Synods, to act in conformity with the preceding resolutions, viz.

Of the Synod of Genesee, Rev. Ebenezer Fitch, D. D., Rev. Comfort Williams, Rev. Calvin Colton.

Of the Synod of Geneva, Rev. Henry Axtell, Rev. Henry Dwight, Rev. Derick C. Lansing.

Of the Synod of Albany, Rev. Samuel Blatchford, D. D., Rev. John Chester, Rev. Jonas Coe, D. D.

Of the Synod of New York and New Jersey, Rev. John M'Dowell, D. D., Rev. John B. Romeyn, D. D., Rev. Stephen N. Rowan.

Of the Synod of Philadelphia, Rev. Jacob J. Janeway, D. D., Rev. William Neill, D. D., Rev. Ezra Styles Ely, D. D.

Of the Synod of Pittsburgh, Rev. Francis Herron, Rev. Joseph Stockton, Rev. Elisha P. Swift.

Of the Synod of Virginia, Rev. John B. Blair, Rev. John H. Rice, D. D., Rev. Jesse Turner.

Of the Synod of Kentucky, Rev. James Blythe, D. D., Rev. John M'Farlan, Rev. Thomas Cleland.

Of the Synod of Ohio, Rev. Robert G. Wilson, D. D., Rev. John Andrews, Rev. Samuel Carothers.

Of the Synod of Tennessee, Rev. Thomas H. Nelson, Rev. David A. Sherman, Rev. Isaac Anderson.

Of the Synod of North Carolina, Rev. John M. Wilson, Rev. William D. Snodgrass, Rev. William M'Pheeters.

Of the Synod of South Carolina and Georgia, Rev. John Joyce, Rev. Anthony W. Ross, Rev. Thomas Charlton Henry.

Resolved, That the foregoing list of Committees be printed on the last page of the Confession of Faith, &c. of the several editions.

Resolved, That the members of these several committees, respectively, shall be considered as responsible to the church for the accuracy of the editions which may be printed under their superintendency.

A code of rules to be appended to the Confession of Faith, and for the government of the several judicatories, was read, and after some discussion, was committed to Drs. Miller, Green and Robert G. Wilson, to revise it, and report to the Assembly.

The committee to whom the report of the Board of Missions was referred, reported the following resolutions, which were adopted.

1. That the proceedings of the Board of Missions be approved.

2. That the trustees of the General Assembly be instructed to issue a warrant for the payment of two thousand two hundred and seventy-five dollars and fifty-two cents, being the whole amount of the sums due for missionary labours performed during the past year, and that the treasurer of the Board of Trustees be instructed to pay over the same to the several missionaries, according to the amount of their claims respectively.

3. That the salaries of the missionaries hereafter to be employed, be reduced to thirty-three dollars per month.

The Narrative of the State of Religion was again submitted to the considera-

tion of the Assembly, and it was agreed that it be read by paragraphs. After considerable progress had been made in the business, and after considerable discussion of several of the paragraphs, the Assembly

Adjourned till 4 o'clock, P. M. Concluded with prayer.

4 o'clock, P. M.

The Assembly met, and was constituted by prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

Rev. Samuel Bell, commissioner from the Presbytery of New Castle, and Mr. Richard F. Nichols, ruling elder from the Presbytery of Long Island, appeared in the Assembly, and their commissions being read, they took their seats as members. Mr. Latta resigned his seat to Mr. Bell.

The reading of the Narrative of the State of Religion was resumed, and after some amendments, it was committed to the same committee which had drafted it to be further amended, and printed under the direction of the committee. Ordered that 1500 copies of it be printed.

The committees on the records of the Synods of Albany, Virginia, Tennessee, and South Carolina and Georgia, reported respectively, that the records of said Synods had not been sent up to the General Assembly; whereupon it was ordered, that the stated clerk of the Assembly be, and he is hereby ordered, to write to the said Synods, and require that said Synods be careful to send up their records for inspection to the next Assembly.

The reference from the Synod of Pittsburgh, on the subject of Free Masonry, was called up, and committed to the Rev. Drs. Blatchford, M'Dowell, and Robert G. Wilson, together with Messrs. Strong and Southard.

The committee on the subject of the ordination of a certain Baptist elder, presented a report, which was ordered to lie on the table for future consideration.

By a unanimous vote of the Assembly, article 2, sections 1, 2 and 3, of the "Plan of the Theological Seminary," were amended as follows, viz.

Section 1. The Board of Directors shall meet statedly, twice in each year; once in the Spring, and once in the Fall, and oftener on their own adjournments, if they shall judge it expedient. Nine members of the Board shall be a quorum; provided always, that of this number, five, at least, be ministers of the Gospel, and the president, or in case of his absence, one of the vice-presidents, be one.

Section 2. The Board shall choose out of their own number a president, two vice-presidents, and a secretary. In the absence of the president and vice presidents, the senior member present shall preside.

Section 3. The president of the Board, or in the event of his death, absence, or inability to act, the first vice-president shall, at the request of any three members, expressed to him in writing, call a special meeting of the Board of Directors, by a circular letter addressed to each, &c.

Dr. Green resigned his seat to the Rev. Philip Lindsly, the alternate mentioned in their commission.

A complaint of the Presbytery of Washington, Ohio, against the Presbytery of West Lexington, was brought into the Assembly by the judicial committee, and several of the documents in the case were read.

Adjourned till 9 o'clock to-morrow morning. Concluded with prayer.

May 25, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Assembly met, and was constituted by prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

Mr. Nassau resigned his seat to Mr. John W. Scott, the alternate mentioned in their commission, and Mr. M'Neily resigned his seat to Mr. John Beatty, his alternate; and Mr. Scott and Mr. Beatty being present, took their seats.

The following communication was received and read—

To the Moderator of the General Assembly, &c.

Rev. and respected Sir,

It is my official duty to solicit, through you, the consent of the reverend body, over which you have the honour to preside, to the following amendments of the Constitution of the United Foreign Missionary Society, which, on the recommendation of the Board of Managers, were unanimously adopted at the late annual meeting.

"In the third article, substitute *twenty-seven* for *eighteen* Managers; and after the clause empowering the Managers to supply any vacancies that may occur in the Board, add, *and to appoint honorary directors and vice-presidents, in testimony of respect for eminent services.*"

I am, sir, very respectfully,

Yours, &c.

Z. Lewis, *Dom. Sec'ry. of the U. F. Missionary Society.*

New York, May 21, 1821.

The foregoing amendments of the Constitution of the United Foreign Missionary Society, recommended by the Board of Managers, were unanimously adopted by the Assembly.

Mr. Boude obtained leave of absence during the remaining sessions of this Assembly.

The consideration of the complaint of the Presbytery of Washington was resumed; and the reading of the documents was finished, and the parties were in part heard.

Adjourned till 4 o'clock, P. M. Concluded with prayer.

4 *o'clock, P. M.*

The Assembly met, and was constituted by prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

Mr. Clark resigned his seat to the Rev. William B. Sloan, the alternate mentioned in their commission, and Mr. Sloan took his seat.

Mr. Dare resigned his seat to Mr. John E. Latta, who had been appointed by the Presbytery of New Castle to occupy the seat of any commissioner from that Presbytery, who may be absent.

The committee appointed in the Synod of Philadelphia, to procure the printing of the Confession of Faith, &c., were directed to prepare and publish an index with it.

The treasurer presented a copy of his annual account, as settled and approved by the Trustees of the General Assembly, which was laid on the table for the inspection of the members.

The consideration of the complaint of the Presbytery of Washington was resumed, and the parties were heard till they were satisfied. After some discussion of the subject, the Assembly

Adjourned till 9 o'clock to-morrow morning. Concluded with prayer.

May 26, 9 *o'clock, A. M.*

The Assembly met, and was constituted by prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

Mr. Cunningham obtained leave of absence during the remaining sessions of this Assembly, and Mr. Slaymaker obtained leave to be absent after this day.

The committee appointed to examine the records of the Synod of North Carolina, reported, and the book was approved to page 126.

The consideration of the business left unfinished yesterday afternoon, was

resumed, viz. The complaint of the Presbytery of Washington, Ohio, against the Presbytery of West Lexington, for licensing and ordaining the Rev. William L. M'Calla, contrary, in the opinion of the complainants, to Presbyterial order, Mr. M'Calla having been suspended from church privileges by the Presbytery of Washington, in consequence of a reference on the subject, from the session of the church of Chilicothe. After a long discussion of the subject, the Assembly adopted the following resolution and decision in the case, viz.

Resolved, That while the Assembly disapprove the conduct of Mr. M'Calla in preaching the gospel before he was regularly licensed, and while they regret that the Presbytery of West Lexington in the final trials of Mr. M'Calla for licensure did not pay sufficient attention, either to his irregularity in preaching as just mentioned, or to the proceedings in the session of the church of Chilicothe, and of the Presbytery of Washington in his case; they nevertheless judge that the proceedings of the Presbytery of West Lexington, in licensing and ordaining Mr. M'Calla, be sustained, and that Mr. M'Calla be considered as a minister in good and regular standing in the Presbyterian church.

The Assembly moreover cannot forbear expressing their regret, that the Presbytery of Washington should have passed a vote of censure upon Mr. M'Calla, without citing him to appear before them, or giving him any opportunity of making a defence; since this mode of proceeding seems to have occasioned a portion of the irregularity in the Presbytery of West Lexington, of which the Presbytery of Washington have complained.

Nor can the Assembly forbear to regret that the session of Chilicothe had not acted in a more formal manner, in receiving Mr. M'Calla, and had not required a regular certificate of dismission from the church to which Mr. M'Calla belonged before they received him.

Dr. Blatchford, Messrs. Herron and Rowan, were added to the committee, to which had been referred the code of rules, proposed to be adopted for the government of the several judicatories.

The committee to which the report of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary had been referred, reported, and the following resolutions were adopted, viz.

1. That the report of the Directors be approved.

2. That the Assembly approve of the employing of Mr. Charles Hodge, by the professors, as a teacher of the original languages of Scripture in the Seminary; and that the professors be authorized to employ him for the same purpose, or such other person as they judge proper, and that not more than $400 be allowed said teacher per annum for his services.

3. That four thousand two hundred dollars, in addition to the unexpended balance of last year, viz. $448 44 be appropriated to defray the expenses of the Seminary for the present year.

The committee to which the reference of the Synod of Pittsburgh, on the subject of Free Masonry had been committed, reported, and their report was read.

Mr. Boyd obtained leave of absence during the remaining sessions of this Assembly.

Adjourned till 9 o'clock on Monday morning. Concluded with prayer.

May 28, 9 *o'clock, A. M.*

The Assembly met, and was constituted by prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The committee to which had been referred the appeal of Mr. William Vance from the judgment of the church session of Cross Creek, and the judgment of the Presbytery of Washington, Penn., by which judgment Mr. Vance had been excluded from church privileges on account of his being married to the sister of

his deceased wife, reported, and their report was read, and the consideration and discussion of it was postponed, to take into consideration the following resolutions, which, after a full discussion, were adopted by the Assembly as their decision in the case, viz:

Resolved, That, in the opinion of this General Assembly, the marriage of a man to the sister of his deceased wife, and all similar connections, are highly inexpedient, unfriendly to domestic purity, and exceedingly offensive to a large portion of our churches.

Resolved, That it be, and it hereby is earnestly enjoined upon the ministers, elders and churches of our communion, to take every proper occasion to impress the sentiments contained in the foregoing resolution, on the public mind, and by all suitable means to discourage connections so unfavourable in their influence on the peace and edification of the church.

Resolved, That while the Assembly adopt the opinion, and would enforce the injunction above expressed, they are by no means prepared to decide that such marriages as that in question, are so plainly prohibited in scripture, and so undoubtedly incestuous, as necessarily to infer the exclusion of those who contract them from church privileges: they therefore refer the case of Mr. Vance back again to the session of the church of Cross Creek, agreeably to former decisions of the General Assembly in similar cases, to be disposed of in such manner as the said session may think most conducive to the interests of religion.

The report of the committee on Free Masonry was read, and after some discussion, the farther consideration of it was deferred till the afternoon.

The committee appointed to examine the records of the Synod of Philadelphia, reported, and the book was approved to page 60.

The following extract from the minutes of the Directors of the Theological Seminary was received and read.

"The committee appointed on the subject of a monthly publication of donations, reported, that it be recommended to the Assembly to direct their treasurer to publish these donations on the plan recommended by the Board at their meeting last fall; and to enjoin on agents in transmitting money to the treasurer to accompany it with a particular list, as far as practicable, of the names of the donors from whom the money had been collected. This report was adopted.

"The minute of last Fall is as follows:

"*Resolved*, 'That the treasurer of the General Assembly be requested to publish monthly, in some paper in Philadelphia, which has extensive circulation, and in which it can be done free of expense, all the moneys that he receives for the Theological Seminary, particularizing, as far as it can be done, the individuals, congregations, or associations, from which the donations come, and the particular fund to which it is to be appropriated.'"

The foregoing recommendation and resolution of the Directors of the Theological Seminary were adopted by the Assembly.

The following resolution was submitted to the Assembly, and adopted, viz:

Whereas, the real estate of this General Assembly in the State of New Jersey, appertaining to the Theological Seminary at Princeton, is at present secured to the Assembly, by the constituting of certain individuals trustees of such property: And whereas there is manifest inconvenience, if not hazard, in holding said property by such an expedient,

Resolved, That the Board of Directors, if they judge it expedient, endeavour to obtain an act of incorporation from the legislature of said state, as a measure of prudence and safety, and that they be instructed to endeavour to procure an act similar to that obtained in the state of Pennsylvania, and report the charter to the Assembly for adoption.

Adjourned till 4 o'clock, P. M. Concluded with prayer.

4 o'clock, P. M.

The Assembly met, and was constituted by prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

Resolved, That the permanent clerk be directed to furnish the Trustees of the Assembly with a copy of the resolution on the subject of publishing a list of donations made to the Theological Seminary.

The consideration of the report of the committee to which the reference of the Synod of Pittsburgh on the subject of Free Masonry had been referred, was resumed. After a discussion of considerable length, the previous question having been called for, was taken, and determined in the negative; and the subject was indefinitely postponed.

The consideration of the report of the committee to which had been referred the question of validity of ordination in the case of a Baptist elder, was resumed, and the report being read was adopted, and is as follows, viz.

It is not among the principles or usages of the Presbyterian church, to consider the ordination of ministers by other Protestant churches as invalid; on the contrary, the Presbyterian church has always considered the ordinations of most other Protestant churches as valid in themselves, and not to be repeated, when those who have received them become members of the Presbyterian church. Nor is it perceived that there is any sufficient reason why the ordinations in the Baptist church should not be considered as valid, and be sustained as such.

But while the Presbyterian church can act as has now been stated in regard to ordinations, it is among those principles and usages which she regards as most sacred and important, to secure for her churches both a pious and a learned ministry, and she cannot admit of any usage or exercise any apparent liberality, inconsistent with security in this essential particular. On the whole, therefore, the committee recommend the following resolution:

Resolved, That when applications are made by ministers of the Baptist or any other Protestant denomination, to be connected with the Presbyterian church, the Presbytery to which the applications are made, shall require all the qualifications, both in regard to piety and learning, which are required of candidates for licensure or ordination of those who have originally belonged to the Presbyterian church; and shall require the applicants from other denominations to continue their study and preparation till they are found on trial and examination to be qualified in learning and ability to teach in the manner required by our standards; but that when found to be thus qualified, it shall not be necessary to re-ordain the said applicants, but only to instal them when they are called to settle in Presbyterian congregations.

The following resolution was submitted to the Assembly, and adopted, viz:

Resolved, That the Assembly assume the payment of $2,150, due for the professor's house, together with $850 for out-houses, fences, and a well; and that the Board of Trustees of the General Assembly be, and they hereby are authorized and instructed to borrow on the best terms in their power the sum of $3,000, for the purpose of discharging the debt; and for providing means for completing the improvements above mentioned.

The committee appointed to examine the records of the Synod of Kentucky, reported, and the book was approved to page 31, with the following exceptions, viz: That the records generally are kept in a careless manner, and that in page 10 it is recorded, that the members of the West Lexington Presbytery voted in approbation of their own proceedings, which is deemed to be irregular.

The following resolution was submitted to the Assembly, and adopted, viz:

Resolved, That Drs. Miller and Ely, and Mr. Engles, be a committee to consider and report to the next Assembly, whether any, and if any, what farther measures ought to be adopted to promote comfort and order in conducting the business of the Assembly.

An appeal from the Synod of Geneva, in the case of Mr. Spicer, was made the order of the day for to-morrow morning.

Adjourned till 9 o'clock to-morrow morning. Concluded with prayer.

May 29, 9 *o'clock, A. M.*

The Assembly met, and was constituted by prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

Mr. Obadiah Woodruff obtained leave of absence during the remaining sessions of this Assembly after this forenoon, and Dr. Porter and Mr. Hyde after this day.

Dr. Ely, of the committee in the Synod of Philadelphia, for the publication of the Confession of Faith, desired instructions concerning certain notes appended to the revised form of government, and citations of scripture texts appended to the old form—whereupon the Assembly *Resolved*, That said committee be, and they hereby are instructed, to append to the form as ratified by this Assembly, the quotations of scripture passages contained in the old form, so far as that form remains unchanged; and to omit the note attached to the title of the sixteenth chapter of the revised form of government, as sent down to the Presbyteries.

The committee on the commissioners' fund reported, and their report being read, was recommitted to correct some mistakes.

Resolved, That the memorial of Mr. Gilkinson, that had been reported by the judicial committee, be taken up by the Assembly immediately after the order of the day has been finished.

It being the order of the day, the Assembly proceeded to consider the appeal of Mr. Jabez Spicer, from the decision of the Synod of Geneva, by which Mr. Spicer had been deposed from the gospel ministry. The documents on the subject were read, and the parties were heard. After a considerable discussion, the following resolution was adopted, viz:

Resolved, That the appeal of Mr. Spicer be sustained, on the ground that the sentence pronounced upon him was disproportioned to his crime; it not appearing substantiated that he was guilty of more than a single act of prevarication; while, therefore, the Assembly express their entire disapprobation of the conduct of Mr. Spicer, as unbecoming a Christian, and Christian minister, they reverse the sentence of deposition passed upon him by the Presbytery, and direct, that after suitable admonitions and acknowledgments, he be restored to the ministerial office.

The committee on the commissioners' fund reported, and their report being read was adopted.

Mr. Harris obtained leave of absence during the remaining sessions of this Assembly.

Adjourned till 4 o'clock, P. M. Concluded with prayer.

4 *o'clock, P. M.*

The Assembly met, and was constituted by prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

It being the order of the day, the Assembly proceeded to consider the appeal of the Presbytery of Onondaga from a decision of the Synod of Geneva, in which the Synod decided, that one of the charges, upon which the Presbytery of Onondaga had founded the deposition of Mr. Jabez Spicer from the gospel ministry, had not been proved. The documents were read, and the parties heard.

After some discussion it was moved and seconded, that the appeal be sustained. The question being taken on this motion, it was decided in the negative, and the appeal, therefore, was not sustained.

Mr. Kollock obtained leave of absence during the remaining sessions of this Assembly.

An appeal from the Synod of Kentucky by the Presbytery of Transylvania in the case of Mr. James Gilkinson, was laid before the Assembly by the judicial committee. The documents were read.

Messrs. Osborn and Southard obtained leave of absence during the remaining sessions of this Assembly.

Adjourned till half after 8 o'clock to-morrow morning. Concluded with prayer.

May 30, *half after* 8 *o'clock, A. M.*

The Assembly met, and was constituted by prayer

The minutes of the last session were read.

The business left unfinished yesterday was resumed, viz. the hearing of the appeal of the Presbytery of Transylvania, from a decision of the Synod of Kentucky in the case of Mr. James Gilkinson, who had been excluded from church privileges, and who had appealed to the aforesaid Presbytery which affirmed the decision of the session which had excluded Mr. Gilkinson from the privileges of the church.

After the parties had been fully heard, and after considerable discussion, it was moved and seconded, that the appeal be sustained; and the question being taken on this motion, it was determined in the affirmative, and the appeal therefore was sustained, and the decision of the Synod in the case was reversed.

It having been stated to the Assembly by the trustees that there were several vacancies in their Board, and that it was important that those vacancies should be filled, it was agreed that the standing rule on the subject, requiring that two days should intervene between the time at which the election had been determined on, and the day appointed for holding the election, be suspended for the present year, and the rule was accordingly suspended.

Resolved, That the election for trustees be the order of the day for this afternoon.

An appeal of Mr. Benjamin Bell from a decision of the Presbytery of Geneva, and also an appeal of Mr. Bell from the decision of the Synod of Geneva, were laid before the Assembly by the Judicial Committee. These appeals were both dismissed, on account of the Judicatories, from whose decisions they had been taken, not having received due notice from Mr. Bell that he designed to prosecute them before this Assembly.

An appeal of James Atwater from a decision of the Synod of Geneva, was brought before the Assembly by the Judicial Committee. After the documents in the case had been read, the

Assembly adjourned till half past 3 o'clock, P. M. Concluded with prayer.

Half past 3 *o'clock, P. M.*

The Assembly met, and was constituted by prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

It being the order of the day for this afternoon, an election of Trustees of the Assembly was held; and Rev. Ezra S. Ely, D. D., and Messrs. Andrew Bayard, and John W. Thompson, were chosen in the place of Dr. Wilson and Mr. Markoe, who had resigned, and Mr. Hazlett, who had removed to New Orleans.

Resolved, That no further election of Trustees be held this year.

The Board of Education reported, and their report being read, was accepted, and is as follows, viz.

The Board of Education report to the General Assembly, that very little has been done by them, during the past year, for the accomplishment of the design of their appointment. By a variety of circumstances they have been hindered

from prosecuting those measures which they had contemplated for collecting funds. Shortly after the organization of this board, an address was published, and extensively circulated, designed to impress the minds of members of our church with the vast importance of providing for the education of pious youth for the gospel ministry, and giving information that this board would, in due time, send forth agents to organize auxiliary societies, and to collect moneys. Although the board have not acted on this plan, they have not lost sight of it; and they hope that hereafter they may be able to obtain and commission agents for the purposes contemplated in their publication.

It will appear from the small number of reports from auxiliary societies, that the information which the General Assembly expected would be received from this board, in regard to what is doing in the education of pious youth within our bounds, cannot be presented.

The Presbyterian Education Society have received twenty-five beneficiaries in addition to the thirty-three reported last year; so that in connection with their different auxiliaries, they have at present under their patronage fifty-eight. The receipts of this society and its branches last year were 2,310 dollars.

"The Education Society of Philadelphia" reported, that since their organization, seventeen beneficiaries have been assisted by them; and that they have at present seven entirely dependent on their funds, besides five others whom they have assisted in part. This society has expended, in the last year, for the support of their beneficiaries, $1392 75.

The Presbytery of Redstone have reported, that they have formed a society auxiliary to this board, and that they have two beneficiaries pursuing their academical studies.

The Presbytery of Miami have three beneficiaries, on whom they have expended the last year 180 dollars, which has nearly exhausted their funds.

The Presbytery of Missouri have two beneficiaries under their care, but unable to support more than one. They ask assistance from this board.

No other reports have been received from auxiliary societies.

The term of service of the following managers expires during the present sessions of the Assembly, viz.

Ministers.—Charles Coffin, D. D., Francis Herron, Joseph Caldwell, D. D., Ashbel Green, D. D., and J. J. Janeway, D. D.

Elders.—John Lincklaen, Zachariah Lewis, John M'Mullin, Wm. Maxwell.

Were all the auxiliary societies to report in season, it would enable this board to exhibit a better view of what is doing in our church in the great business of educating our youth for the gospel ministry. It is therefore respectfully requested that this Assembly would direct all the societies to forward their reports by the 15th of May, annually.

The board believe that the Assembly can assist them in procuring agents.

They therefore request the Assembly to inquire who would probably be willing to undertake agencies in different parts of the church, for the purpose of organizing auxiliary societies and collecting moneys, on condition of receiving a reasonable compensation out of the moneys collected by them; and to communicate the names of the individuals to this board, that they may commission as many as they may deem proper.

By order of the Board, ROBT. RALSTON, *President.*

JOHN W. SCOTT, *Rec. Sec'ry.*

The following members of the Board of Education whose term of service, agreeably to the constitution, had expired, were re-elected, viz. Rev. Charles Coffin, D. D., Rev. Francis Herron, Rev. Joseph Caldwell, D. D., Rev. Ashbel Green, D. D., and Rev. Jacob J. Janeway, D. D., ministers, and Messrs. John Lincklaen, Zachariah Lewis, John M'Mullin, and Wm. Maxwell, elders.

Resolved, That the Societies auxiliary to the Board of Education be directed, and they hereby are directed, to forward their reports to the Board by the 15th of May, annually.

Resolved, That it is inexpedient, on account of want of time, to act on the part of the report of the Board of Education which relates to the appointment of Agents.

The unfinished business of the forenoon was resumed, viz. the consideration of the appeal of Mr. James Atwater from the decision of the Synod of Geneva, affirming a decision by which Mr. Atwater had been excommunicated by the church at Genoa.

The parties were fully heard, and the following resolution, after some discussion, was adopted, viz.

Resolved, That the appeal of Mr. Atwater be sustained, and it hereby is sustained; and that Mr. Atwater have liberty, as a member of the Presbyterian church in regular standing, to connect himself with any church which may be disposed to receive him.

The judicial committee brought before the Assembly an appeal of Mr. Joseph Sheldon, from a decision of the Synod of Geneva, affirming a decision which excommunicated Mr. Sheldon from church privileges. The documents were read, and the parties were heard. It was moved and seconded that the appeal of Mr. Sheldon be sustained, and the question being taken on this motion, it was determined in the affirmative, and it was accordingly sustained.

Dr. Green, and Rev. George S. Woodhull, were appointed a committee to appoint agents to solicit donations for the Theological Seminary.

Dr. Alexander, and Rev. Symmes C. Henry, were appointed a committee to dispose of the interest money in the hands of the trustees of the college of New Jersey, subject to the disposal of this Assembly.

The committee to which the code of rules for the government of the several judicatories had been referred, reported the following rules, which were adopted, viz.

General Rules for Judicatories.

1. The Moderator shall take the chair precisely at the hour to which the Judicatory stands adjourned, shall immediately call the members to order; and on the appearance of a quorum, shall open the session with prayer.

2. If a quorum be assembled at the hour appointed, and the Moderator be absent, the last moderator present shall be requested to take his place, without delay.

3. If a quorum be not assembled at the hour appointed, any two members shall be competent to adjourn from time to time, that an opportunity may be given for a quorum to assemble.

4. After calling the roll, and marking the absentees, the minutes of the last sitting shall be read, and if requisite, corrected.

5. It shall be the duty of the Moderator, at all times, to preserve order; and to endeavour to conduct all business before the judicatory to a speedy and proper result.

6. It shall be the duty of the clerk, as soon as possible after the commencement of the sessions of every judicatory, to form a complete roll of the members present, and put the same into the hands of the Moderator, and it shall also be the duty of the clerk, whenever any additional members take their seats, to add their names, in their proper places, to the said roll.

7. It shall be the duty of the clerk immediately to file all papers, in t[he] order in which they have been read, with proper endorsements, and to k[eep] them in perfect order.

8. It shall be the duty of the Moderator carefully to keep notes of the

ral articles of business which may be assigned to particular days, and to call them up at the time appointed.

9. The Moderator may speak to points of order in preference to other members, rising from his seat for that purpose; and shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the judicatory by any two members.

10. Business left unfinished at the last sitting, is ordinarily to be taken up first.

11. A motion made must be seconded, and afterwards repeated by the Moderator, or read aloud, before it is debated; and every motion shall be reduced to writing, if the Moderator or any member require it.

12. Any member who shall have made a motion, shall have liberty to withdraw it, with the consent of his second, before any debate has taken place thereon; but not afterwards, without the leave of the judicatory.

13. On questions of order, adjournment, postponement, commitment, or the previous question, no member shall speak more than once: on all other questions, each member may speak twice, but not oftener, without express leave of the judicatory.

14. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received unless to amend it, to commit it, to postpone it, for the previous question, or to adjourn.

15. An amendment may be moved on any motion, and shall be decided before the original motion.

16. If a motion under debate contains several parts, any two members may have it divided, and a question taken on each part.

17. The previous question shall be in this form—"Shall the main question be now put?" and until it is decided, shall preclude all amendment and further debate on the main question.

18. If the previous question be decided in the affirmative, the debate on the main question may proceed: if in the negative, the effect shall be to arrest the discussion, and to produce an indefinite postponement.

19. A question shall not be again called up, or reconsidered at the same sessions of the judicatory at which it has been decided, unless by the consent of two-thirds of the members who were present at the decision; and unless the motion to reconsider be made and seconded by persons who voted with the majority.

20. A subject which has been indefinitely postponed, either by the operation of the previous question, or by a direct motion for indefinite postponement, shall not be again called up during the same sessions of the judicatory, unless by the consent of three-fourths of the members who were present at the decision.

21. Every member when speaking, shall address himself to the Moderator, and shall treat his fellow-members, and especially the Moderator, with decorum and respect.

22. Without express permission, no member of a judicatory, while business is going on, shall engage in private conversation; nor shall members address one another, nor any person present, but through the Moderator.

23. No speaker shall be interrupted, unless he be out of order, or for the purpose of correcting mistakes or misrepresentations.

24. It is indispensable that members of ecclesiastical judicatories maintain great gravity and dignity while judicially convened; that they attend closely, in their speeches, to the subject under consideration, and avoid prolix and desultory harangues; and when they deviate from the subject, it is the privilege of any member, and the duty of the Moderator, to call them to order.

25. No member, in the course of debate, shall be allowed to indulge in personal reflections.

26. If more than one member rise to speak at the same time, the member who is most distant from the Moderator's chair shall speak first.

27. When more than three members of the judicatory shall be standing at the same time, the Moderator shall require all to take their seats, the person only excepted who may be speaking.

28. If any member act, in any respect, in a disorderly manner, it shall be the privilege of any member, and the duty of the Moderator, to call him to order.

29. If any member consider himself as aggrieved by a decision of the Moderator, it shall be his privilege to appeal to the judicatory, and the question on such appeal shall be taken without debate.

30. Members ought not, without weighty reasons, to decline voting; as this practice might leave the decision of very interesting questions to a small proportion of the judicatory. Silent members, unless excused from voting, must be considered as acquiescing with the majority.

31. It is the duty of the Moderator to appoint all committees, except in those cases in which the judicatory shall decide otherwise.

32. The person first named on any committee shall be considered as the chairman thereof, whose duty it shall be to convene the committee; and in case of his absence or inability to act, the second named member shall take his place, and perform his duties.

33. When various motions are made with respect to the filling of blanks with particular numbers or times, the question shall always be first taken on the highest number, and the longest time.

34. When the Moderator has commenced taking the vote, no further debate or remark shall be admitted, unless there has evidently been a mistake; in which case, the mistake shall be rectified, and the Moderator shall recommence taking the vote.

35. When a vote is taken by ballot in any judicatory, the Moderator shall vote with the other members; but he shall not vote in any other case, unless the judicatory be equally divided, when, if he do not choose to vote, the question shall be lost.

36. The yeas and nays on any question shall not be recorded, unless it be required by one-third of the members present.

37. All judicatories have a right to sit in private on business, which, in their judgment, ought not to be matter of public speculation.

38. Besides the right to sit judicially in private, whenever they think right to do so, all judicatories have a right to hold what are commonly called "*interlocutory meetings*," or a sort of committees of the whole judicatory, in which members may freely converse together, without the formalities which are usually necessary in judicial proceedings.

39. Whenever a judicatory is about to sit in a judicial capacity, it shall be the duty of the Moderator solemnly to announce from the chair, that the body is about to pass to the consideration of the business assigned for trial; and to enjoin on the members to recollect and regard the high character, as judges of a court of Jesus Christ, and the solemn duty, in which they are about to act.

40. In all process before a judicatory, where there is an accuser, or prosecutor, it is expedient that there be a committee of the judicatory appointed, (provided the number of members be sufficient to admit of it without inconvenience,) who shall be called the *judicial committee;* and whose duty it shall be to digest and arrange all the papers, and to prescribe, under the direction of the judicatory, the whole order of the proceedings. The members of this committee shall be entitled, notwithstanding their performance of this duty, to sit and vote in the cause, as members of the judicatory.

41. But in cases of process on the ground of *general rumour*, where there is, of course, no particular accuser, there may be a committee appointed, (if convenient,) who shall be called the *committee of prosecution*, and who shall conduct the whole cause on the part of the prosecution. The members of this committee shall not be permitted to sit in judgment in the case.

42. No member shall retire from any judicatory, without the leave of the Moderator, nor withdraw from it to return home, without the consent of the judicatory.

43. The Moderator of every judicatory, above the church session, in finally closing its sessions, in addition to prayer, may cause to be sung an appropriate psalm or hymn, and shall pronounce the apostolical benediction.

Resolved, That these rules be printed at the end of the book containing the Confession of Faith, Form of Government, and Forms of Process.

The persons composing the Board of Missions last year were re-appointed.

Adjourned till 5 o'clock to-morrow morning. Concluded with prayer.

May 31*st*, 5 *o'clock, A. M.*

The Assembly met, and was constituted by prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

Resolved, That the Stated and Permanent Clerks, the Rev. George C. Potts, and Rev. Drs. Janeway and Ely, be, and hereby are appointed a committee to superintend the printing of the minutes of this Assembly, in consistency with the resolutions of last year, and that they be authorized to regulate the form and mode of printing.

Resolved, That the trustees of the Assembly be instructed to issue a warrant for the payment of the Permanent Clerk for his services rendered the Assembly, agreeably to the rate fixed by a former Assembly, and for the stationery furnished for their use.

From the records of the Synod of Kentucky, it appeared that Guernsey G. Brown had appealed from a decision of that body in his case to the General Assembly. As Mr. Brown has not appeared to prosecute his appeal, and the commissioners from the Synod of Kentucky required that his absence may, according to a rule of the Assembly on the subject, preclude him from a future hearing; therefore resolved, that Guernsey G. Brown be considered as precluded from prosecuting his appeal.

The roll was called, agreeably to a standing rule, to ascertain whether any members had left the Assembly without leave, and it appeared that none had left it without leave.

Resolved, That this Assembly be dissolved, and that another Assembly, chosen in the same manner, be required to meet in the Seventh Presbyterian Church in this city, on the third Thursday in May next, at 11 o'clock, A. M. Concluded with prayer.

[The necessary documents for forming a summary for this year were not to be found among the files of the General Assembly.—*Editor of the Board.*]

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PHILADELPHIA, *May* 16, 1822.

THE General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, met agreeably to appointment in the 7th Presbyterian Church in the City of Philadelphia, May 16th, 1822, at 11 o'clock, A. M., and was opened by the Rev. William Hill, D. D. Moderator of the last Assembly, with a Sermon from Rom. xvi. 17. "Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences, contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned, and avoid them."

After prayer the commissions were read, and it appeared that the following Ministers and Elders were duly appointed, and attended as Commissioners to this Assembly, viz:

PRESBYTERY OF NIAGARA—*Minister*—Rev. Miles P. Squier. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF GENESSEE—*Minister*—Rev. Samuel T. Mills. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF ROCHESTER—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—Everard Peck.

PRESBYTERY OF ONTARIO—*Minister*—Rev. John Barnard. *Elder*—Isaac Chamberlain.

PRESBYTERY OF GENEVA—*Ministers*—Rev. Stephen Porter, Manasseh M. York. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF CAYUGA—*Ministers*—Rev. William Wisner, Benjamin B. Stockton. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF ONEIDA—*Ministers*—Rev. Orange Lyman, James Southworth, William R. Weeks, James Eells. *Elder*—Elnathan Judd.

PRESBYTERY OF ONONDAGA—*Ministers*—Rev. William Bacon, Matthew Harrison. *Elders*—Abel Cadwell, Selah Munson.

PRESBYTERY OF OTSEGO—*Minister*—John Smith. *Elder*—James O. Morse.

PRESBYTERY OF ST. LAWRENCE—*Minister*—Rev. George S. Boardman. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF CHAMPLAIN—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF LONDONDERRY—*Minister*—Rev. Seth Chapin. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF ALBANY—*Ministers*—Rev. Elisha Yale, William Chester. *Elders*—Mr. Philo Hurd, Samuel Hunter.

PRESBYTERY OF TROY—*Ministers*—Rev. Jonas Coe, D. D., Moses Hunter. *Elders*—Mr. Henry Platt, Jedediah Tracy.

PRESBYTERY OF COLUMBIA—*Minister*—Rev. Alvan Somers. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF NORTH RIVER—*Ministers*—Rev. Eliphalet Price, John Clark. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF HUDSON—*Minister*—Rev. Samuel Pelton. *Elders*—Mr. Adam Millspaugh, Hezekiah Howell.

PRESBYTERY OF LONG ISLAND—*Ministers*—Rev. Ezra King, Nathaniel Reeve. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF NEW YORK—*Ministers*—Rev. William Gray, Samuel H. Cox, John Goldsmith. *Elders*—Mr. Divie Bethune, William Whitlock.

PRESBYTERY OF JERSEY—*Ministers*—Rev. Stephen Thompson, Edward Allen, John E. Miller, Elias W. Crane. *Elders*—Mr. Elihu Price, John Stiles.

PRESBYTERY OF NEWTON—*Ministers*—Rev. John C. Vandervoort, Benjamin I. Lowe. *Elders*—Mr. George R. King, William Dellicker.

PRESBYTERY OF NEW BRUNSWICK—*Ministers*—Rev. Samuel B. How, Symmes C. Henry. *Elders*—Mr. John N. Simpson, Nathaniel Burrowes.

PRESBYTERY OF SUSQUEHANNA—*Minister*—Cyrus Gildersleeve. *Elder*—John Dorrance.

PRESBYTERY OF PHILADELPHIA—*Ministers*—Rev. Ezra S. Ely, D. D., Alexander Boyd, Robert Steel, Francis G. Ballentine. *Elders*—Mr. John Mayhew, Thomas Bradford, jun., John W. Scott.

PRESBYTERY OF NEW CASTLE—*Ministers*—Rev. Francis A. Latta, John E. Latta. *Elders*—Mr. Robert Porter, James Andrews, Amos Slaymaker.

PRESBYTERY OF BALTIMORE—*Minister*—Rev. Reuben Post. *Elder*—James Irving.

PRESBYTERY OF CARLISLE—*Ministers*—Rev. David M'Connaughy, James Buchanan, John Moody. *Elders*—Mr. Jacob Cassat, James Ross.

PRESBYTERY OF HUNTINGDON—*Ministers*—Rev. Samuel Hill, William A. Boyd. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF NORTHUMBERLAND—*Minister*—Rev. John H. Grier. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF REDSTONE—*Ministers*—Rev. Elisha P. Swift, Andrew O. Paterson, Ashbel G. Fairchild. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF OHIO—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF WASHINGTON, (Pa.)—*Minister*—Rev. Thomas Hoge. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF STEUBENVILLE—*Minister*—Rev. Obadiah Jennings. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF ERIE—*Minister*—Rev. Timothy Alden, D. D. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF ALLEGHENY—*Minister*—Rev. Alexander Cook. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF HARTFORD—*Minister*—Rev. Clement Vallandigham. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF GRAND RIVER—*Minister*—Rev. Harvey Coe. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF PORTAGE—*Minister*—Rev. Joseph Treat. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF WINCHESTER—*Ministers*—Rev. William Hill, D. D., James H. C. Leach. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF LEXINGTON—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF HANOVER—*Minister*—Rev. John H. Rice, D. D. *Elders*—Daniel A. Allen, George W. Camp.

PRESBYTERY OF ABINGTON—*Minister*—Rev. Samuel W. Doak. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF WEST LEXINGTON—*Minister*—Rev. Isaac Reed. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF EBENEZER—*Minister*—Rev. John T. Edgar. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF TRANSYLVANIA—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF MUHLENBERG—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF LOUISVILLE—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—Mr. Charles B. King.

PRESBYTERY OF LANCASTER—*Minister*—Rev. John Wright. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF CHILICOTHE—*Minister*—Rev. Dyer Burgess. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF MIAMI—*Minister*—Rev. William Gray. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF RICHLAND—*Minister*—Rev. James Cunningham. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF UNION—*Minister*—Rev. Charles Coffin, D. D. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF WEST TENNESSEE—*Minister*—Rev. Allan D. Campbell. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF SHILOH—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF MISSISSIPPI—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF MISSOURI—*Minister*—Rev. Edward Hollister. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF ORANGE—*Minister*—Rev. John Witherspoon. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF FAYETTEVILLE—*Minister*—Rev. Colin M'Iver. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF CONCORD—*Minister*—Rev. Francis H. Porter. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF ALABAMA—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF HARMONY—*Minister*—Rev. Robert Means. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF GEORGIA—*Minister*—Rev. Nathan S. S. Beman. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF SOUTH CAROLINA—*Minister*—Rev. Henry Reid. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF HOPEWELL—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.
PRESBYTERY OF CINCINNATI—*Minister*—Rev. John Thompson. *Elder*—None.
GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF CONNECTICUT—*Minister*—None. *Elders*—None.
GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF NEW HAMPSHIRE—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.
GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF MASSACHUSETTS—*Ministers*—None. *Elders*—Mr. Isaac Knapp, Warren Fay.
CONVENTION OF VERMONT—*Minister*—Rev. Joshua Bates, D. D. *Elder*—None.
SYNOD OF THE ASSOCIATE REFORMED CHURCH—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

The General Assembly proceeded to elect a Moderator and Temporary Clerk, and the Rev. Obadiah Jennings was chosen Moderator, and the Rev. Robert Cathcart, D. D. was chosen Temporary Clerk.

Rev. Dirk C. Lansing, from the Presbytery of Cayuga; Mr. Charles B. King, ruling elder, from the Presbytery of Louisville; Rev. Samuel W. Whelpley, from the Presbytery of Champlain, and the Rev. Henry Ford from the Presbytery of Bath, appeared in the Assembly without commissions, but sufficient testimony was received, that they had been chosen commissioners to this Assembly, and they were received as members, and took their seats accordingly.

The minutes of the last Assembly were read. Rev. Jonas Coe, D. D., Rev. Messrs. Crane, Francis A. Latta, M'Connaughy, Swift and Alden, and Messrs. Platt, Slaymaker and Cassat, elders, were appointed a committee of bills and overtures, to meet in this church to-morrow morning at 6 o'clock, and afterwards on their own adjournments.

Drs. Rice and Hill, Rev. Messrs. Hoge and Doak, and Messrs. Ross, Irvin, and Bradford were appointed a judicial committee.

Adjourned till 9 o'clock to-morrow morning. Concluded with prayer.

May 17*th*, 9 *o'clock A. M.*

The Assembly met, and was constituted with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The Rev. Charles G. M'Lean and Mr. Archibald M'Laren, from the General Synod of the Associate Reformed Church—the Rev. Luther Halsey, from the Presbytery of Hudson, the Rev. John Woodhull, D. D. from the Presbytery of New Brunswick; the Rev. Matthew Noyes, from the General Association of Connecticut, and the Rev. Thomas M'Auley, LL. D. from the Presbytery of Albany, appeared in the Assembly, and their commissions being read they took their seats as members.

The committee appointed to make arrangements for the better regulation of the business of the Assembly reported, and their report being read, was laid on the table for further consideration.

A communication from the Rev. Jedediah Morse, D. D., Corresponding Secretary of a new Society for the benefit of Indians, was received, and being read, was committed to Drs. Hill and Coe, and Rev. Mr. Lansing.

300 copies of the Extracts from the General Association of Massachusetts, and also a number of Extracts from the minutes of the General Associations of Connecticut and New Hampshire were received, and it was agreed that each member of the Assembly receive a copy of these Extracts.

The Delegate appointed by the last Assembly to attend the General Convention of Vermont, and the General Association of New Hampshire, reported that he had attended.

Dr. Neill and Rev. Artemas Dean, Delegates appointed by the last Assembly

to attend the General Association of Connecticut and that of Massachusetts, reported that they had attended.

Resolved, That Messrs. Cox and John Smith be a committee to examine the Records of the Synod of Genessee.

That Messrs. Swift and Burgess be a committee to examine the Records of the Synod of Geneva.

That Messrs. Moody and Boyd be a committee to examine the Records of the Synod of Albany.

That Messrs. Ballentine and Alden be a committee to examine the Records of the Synod of New York and New Jersey.

That Messrs. Mills and Weeks be a committee to examine the Records of the Synod of Philadelphia.

That Messrs. Goldsmith and Lowe be a committee to examine the Records of the Synod of Virginia.

That Messrs. Grier and Crane be a committee to examine the Records of the Synod of Pittsburgh.

That Messrs. Boardman and Hunter be a committee to examine the Records of the Synod of Ohio.

That Messrs. Patterson and Fairchild be a committee to examine the Records of the Synod of Kentucky.

That Messrs. Stephen Thompson and Reeve be a committee to examine the Records of the Synod of Tennessee.

That Messrs. Coe and Price be a committee to examine the Records of the Synod of North Carolina.

That Messrs. Francis A. Latta and John Clark be a committee to examine the Records of the Synod of South Carolina and Georgia.

Reports from the Presbyteries on the subject of educating poor and pious youth for the Gospel Ministry were called for, and Messrs. M'Iver and Wright were appointed a committee to prepare a statement, exhibiting a view of the reports received, and the decisions made by the Assembly upon them severally.

Dr. Coe, Dr. M'Auley and Mr. Cox were appointed a committee to prepare and submit to the Assembly a plan to secure more regular reports on this subject in future.

Dr. Ely resigned his seat to the Rev. Joseph Barr the principal, mentioned in their commission, and Mr. Barr took his seat as a member.

The hearing of the Report of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary was made the order of the day for this afternoon.

Adjourned till 4 o'clock, P. M. Concluded with prayer.

4 o'clock, P. M.

The Assembly met, and was constituted by prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

Rev. Stephen B. Balch, D. D. from the Presbytery of Baltimore; Rev. Eliphalet W. Gilbert, from the Presbytery of New Castle; Rev. Isaac Lewis, from the General Association of Connecticut; and Mr. Thomas B. Cooke ruling elder, from the Presbytery of Columbia, appeared in the Assembly, and their commissions being read they took their seats as members.

It being the order of the day for this afternoon, the Report of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary was heard, and committed to Dr. Hill, Messrs. Edgar, Post, Morse and Kemp.

A nomination was made of persons to fill up the vacancies in the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary, and the election was made the order of the day for to-morrow at 1 o'clock, P. M.

The committee appointed to examine the Records of the Synod of Genessee reported, and the Book was approved to page 14.

Mr. Cooke obtained leave of absence during the remaining sessions of this Assembly.

The committee appointed to examine the Records of the Synod of Pittsburgh reported, and the Book was approved to page 152.

The receiving of the Synodical and Presbyterial Reports was made the order of the day for to-morrow morning.

Adjourned till 9 o'clock to-morrow morning. Concluded with prayer

May 18, 9 *o'clock, A. M.*

The Assembly met, and was constituted by prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The committee, to which the reports of the Presbyteries on the subject of the education of poor and pious youth had been referred, reported, and their report being read, was recommitted to the same committee.

The committee appointed to examine the Records of the Synod of Ohio, reported, and the Book was approved to page 151.

It being the order of the day, the Synodical and Presbyterial reports were received, and committed to Messrs. Leach and Smith to examine them accurately, and read to the Assembly those parts of them which they may think necessary to be read for the information of the Assembly, and also to prepare a statement to be transcribed into the Compendious View.

The committee appointed to examine the Records of the Synod of North Carolina, reported, and the Book was approved to page 201.

The committee appointed to examine the Records of the Synod of New York and New Jersey reported, and the Book was approved to page 45.

Resolved, That a free conversation on the State of Religion be the order of the day for Monday next.

Resolved, That the General Assembly and such persons as may choose to unite with them, will spend a part of next Wednesday evening in special prayer for the outpouring of the Spirit on the churches, and in other religious exercises—and Dr. Woodhull and Messrs. Swift and How were appointed a committee to make arrangements for the evening, and to designate persons to lead in the exercises.

The election of Delegates to the different Ecclesiastical Bodies connected with this Assembly, was made the order of the day for next Tuesday.

Messrs. Steel and Bethune were appointed a committee to receive from the Commissioners to the Assembly an account of the miles travelled by them severally, and to make an apportionment of the Commissioners' fund, agreeably to a standing rule on the subject.

The committee appointed by the last Assembly to dispose of the interest of money in the hands of the Trustees of the College of New Jersey, subject to the disposal of this Assembly reported, that they had made a disposal of the interest of said money.

Dr. Alexander and Rev. Symmes C. Henry were appointed a committee to dispose of the interest of the aforesaid money for the current year.

The Stated Clerk reported, that agreeably to the order of the last Assembly, he had written to the Synods which had neglected to forward to the Assembly their Records. The Synods of Virginia, of Tennessee, and of South Carolina and Georgia did not send up their Records to this Assembly, though they were required by the last Assembly to be careful to forward them for the inspection of the Assembly.

The following overtures were submitted to the Assembly by the committee of bills and overtures, viz.

No. 1. A complaint of the Presbytery of Jersey, relative to the printed minutes of the last Assembly, which being read, was committed to Messrs. Doak, Fay and Fairchild.

No. 2. A reference from the Presbytery of Fayetteville, respecting a suspended licentiate, which being read, was committed to Dr. Balch and Messrs Francis A. Latta and Isaac Lewis.

The judicial committee reported two appeals of Samuel Lowery, the first, from a special decision of the session of the Second Presbyterian Church of Cincinnati; the second from a decision of the Presbytery of Miami. These appeals were dismissed, because the appellant had not prosecuted his appeals before the inferior judicatories.

The judicial committee laid an appeal before the Assembly of Mr. Samuel Lowery and Mr. Kelso, from a decision of the Synod of Ohio. The consideration of this appeal was made the order of the day for Thursday next at 10 o'clock, A. M.

A paper, signed by a number of ministers and elders, complaining of the prevalence of errors in doctrine, and requesting the opinion and advice of the Assembly, was overtured, and being read, was committed to Drs. Rice, Hill, and Coe, Mr. Lansing and Dr. Bates.

It being the order of the day, an election was held to fill up the vacancies in the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary. The ballots were taken and committed to Messrs. Weeks, Cox, and Wright, to count the votes, and report to the Assembly the names of the persons chosen.

This committee reported, and their report being read, the following persons were declared duly chosen Directors of the Theological Seminary for three years, viz. Rev. Drs. Eliphalet Nott, John H. Rice, Asa Hillyer, John Chester, John Woodhull, Thomas M'Auley and Gardiner Spring, *Ministers;* and Mr. Zechariah Lewis, Dr. John Van Cleve and Mr. Elias B. Caldwell, *Elders;* and Rev. Dr. Ezra S. Ely for two years in the place of the Rev. Ebenezer Grant, deceased.

The report of the committee appointed to devise measures for conducting the business of the Assembly with greater convenience and order, was called up; and, after some discussion, the subject was indefinitely postponed.

Dr. M'Auley and Messrs. How and Simpson were added to the committee, to which the report of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary had been referred.

Adjourned till 9 o'clock on Monday morning. Concluded with prayer.

May 20, 9 *o'clock, A. M.*

The Assembly met, and was constituted by prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The Rev. Joshua T. Russell, from the Presbytery of Hanover—Messrs. John C. Burnet and Caleb M. Godwin, ruling elders from the Presbytery of Jersey appeared in the Assembly, and their commissions being read, they took their seats as members.

The committee, to which the reports of the Presbyteries on the subject of educating poor and pious youth for the gospel ministry had been referred, made the following report, which being read and amended, was adopted, viz:

1. That *written* reports on this subject have been received from thirty-one Presbyteries, viz. from the Presbyteries of Niagara, Genessee, Rochester, Ontario, Geneva, Cayuga, Oneida, Otsego, St. Lawrence, Albany, Troy, North River, Hudson, Long Island, Jersey, Newton, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Carlisle, Redstone, Washington, Erie, Hartford, Grand River, Portage, Winchester, Lancaster, Chillicothe, Orange, Fayetteville, and Bath; and that from the votes of the Assembly, it appears that these Presbyteries have complied with the above order.

That *verbal* reports, on this subject, have been received from twenty Presbyteries, viz. from the Presbyteries of Onondaga, Columbia, Cincinnati, New York,

New Brunswick, New Castle, Huntingdon, Northumberland, Steubenville, Allegheny, Hanover, Abingdon, Ebenezer, Miami, Union, West Tennessee, Missouri, Concord, Harmony, and Georgia; and that, from the votes of the Assembly, it appears that these Presbyteries have also complied with the above order.

3. That the Presbytery of Louisville has, on this subject, failed to comply with the injunction of the Assembly.

4. That four Presbyteries, viz:—The Presbyteries of Champlain, Susquehanna, Richland, and South Carolina, have also failed to comply with the said injunction; but have assigned such reasons for failure, as the Assembly have judged it proper to sustain.

5. That from twelve Presbyteries, viz: From the Presbyteries of Londonderry, Lexington, Transylvania, Muhlenberg, Columbus, Shiloh, Mississippi, Hopewell, Athens, West Lexington, Ogdensburg, and Alabama, no reports have been received: and,

6. That, from the information derived from the whole of the reports, whether written or verbal, which have been submitted on this subject, it appears that there are, at present, ninety young men, of the description contemplated by the Assembly, receiving education for the ministry, selected and supported by the following thirty Presbyteries, viz: By the Presbytery of Onondaga, five; Niagara, two; Cayuga, six; Otsego, four; Albany, eighteen; Rochester, three; North River, five; Ontario, two; Troy, three; Hudson, one; Long Island, two; Jersey, six; Newton, one; Philadelphia, three; Baltimore, one; Carlisle, three; Redstone, two; Washington, three; Hartford, one; Grand River, one; Winchester, two; Portage, two; Lancaster, three; Chillicothe, three; Orange, two; Bath, one; Erie, one; Steubenville, one; Miami, one; and Cincinnati, two.

A communication was received from the Trustees of the Assembly, and being read, was committed to Messrs. Reid, Gray, and Fairchild.

It being the order of the day, the Assembly proceeded to receive communications on the state of religion; and Messrs. How, Weeks, and Knapp were appointed a committee to prepare a connected narrative of the information that may be received on the subject, and submit it to the Assembly. After some progress had been made, in receiving communications on the state of religion,

The Assembly adjourned till 4 o'clock, P. M. Concluded with prayer.

Four o'clock, P. M.

The Assembly met, and was constituted by prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read

Mr. John E. Latta resigned his seat to the Rev. James Magraw, the principal mentioned in their commission, and Mr. Magraw took his seat as a member.

Mr. Mayhew obtained leave of absence during the remaining sessions of this Assembly.

The business left unfinished in the morning, viz: Receiving communications on the state of religion, was resumed and finished.

Adjourned till 9 o'clock to-morrow morning. Concluded with prayer.

May 21st, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Assembly met, and was constituted by prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

Mr. M'Mullin resigned his seat to Mr. James Stuart, the alternate mentioned in their commission, and Mr. Stuart took his seat as a member.

Mr. Burrows obtained leave of absence during the remaining sessions of this Assembly.

The proceedings of the Presbytery of Philadelphia in the case of the Rev. John Kennedy, a foreign minister, were laid before the Assembly, and their proceedings were approved; and Mr. Kennedy was received as a minister of the Presbyterian church in good standing.

An overture containing a memorial of the Session of Cross Creek, on the subject of a man having married his deceased wife's sister, was brought in, and being read, was committed to Drs. M'Auley, Rice, and Coffin, and Messrs. Reid and Burgess.

A letter from Mr. Thomas B. Craighead, accompanied with a printed pamphlet, was overtured; and after the letter and a considerable part of the pamphlet had been read, they were committed to Messrs. Price, Magraw, and Dr. Bates.

An appeal of Rev. William Arthur, from a decision of the Presbytery of Miami, was brought into the Assembly, and being read, the consideration of the appeal was made the order of the day for this afternoon.

The committee appointed to examine the Records of the Synod of Albany, reported, and the book was approved to page 177, excepting the case of receiving a foreign licentiate by the Presbytery of St. Lawrence, without laying their proceedings in the case before the Synod or General Assembly.

The Committee, to which was referred a communication from Dr. Morse, Corresponding Secretary of the American Society for promoting the civilization and general improvement of the Indians within the United States; together with the constitution of said society, reported, that they had examined those documents, and they recommended the following resolutions, which were adopted, viz:

1. That the General Assembly highly approve of the objects proposed to be accomplished by said society.

2. That the plan of operation of the said society, appears calculated to awaken general attention to this important subject, to command great facilities, and obtain efficient means for promoting the temporal and eternal welfare of our heathen neighbours, and for securing peace and friendly intercourse among those, who have been too much alienated from each other, although belonging to the same common family.

3. The Assembly, therefore, would devoutly implore the blessing of the God of mercy upon the exertions of the said society; and recommend to the members of the church to lend what assistance they can, in forwarding this laudable design.

A nomination was made of persons to be chosen delegates to the several ecclesiastical bodies connected with this Assembly, and the election was made the order of the day for this afternoon.

Messrs. M'Iver and Alden were appointed a committee to incorporate the general rules for judicatories with the rules of this house for the government of the Assembly in conducting business.

The Board of Missions read their annual report.

The following resolution was overtured and adopted, viz:

Resolved, That the narrative on the state of religion, annually contain a notice of the decease of all the ministers of our church, who may have been removed by death during the preceding year; and the several Presbyteries are ordered to incorporate with their reports on the state of religion made to the Assembly, the case of every such removal within their bounds.

Messrs. George R. King, Vandervoort and Dellaker obtained leave of absence during the remaining sessions of this Assembly.

Messrs. Henry Reid, Edgar and Campbell were appointed a committee to define the boundaries of the Synod of Tennessee.

Adjourned till 4 o'clock, P. M. Concluded with prayer.

Four o'clock, P. M.

The Assembly met, and was constituted by prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

It being the order of the day for this afternoon, the election was held for delegates to attend the several ecclesiastical bodies connected with this Assembly. The ballots were taken and committed to Messrs. Yale and Kemp, to count the votes and report to the Assembly the names of the persons chosen.

This committee reported, and their report being read, the following persons were declared duly chosen, viz.

Rev. John H. Rice, D. D., Rev. John M'Dowell, D. D., and Rev. Joseph Treat, to attend the next meeting of the General Association of Connecticut; Dr. Rice and Dr. M'Dowell to attend the next meeting of the General Association of Massachusetts, and Mr. Treat was appointed an alternate to either of these delegates, who may fail to attend.

The Rev. Joshua T. Russell to attend the meeting of the General Association of New Hampshire and of the General Convention of Vermont, and the Rev. Samuel H. Cox was appointed his alternate.

The following communication from the General Synod of the Associate Reformed Church, was received and read, viz.

"*Resolved*, That the Synod approve and hereby do ratify the plan of Union between the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church and the Associate Reformed Church, proposed by commissioners from said churches.

Extract from the minutes of the General Synod of the Associate Reformed Church, at Philadelphia, 21st May, 1822. JAMES LAURIE, *Moderator*, J. ARBUCKLE, *Clerk*.

"*Resolved*, That a copy of the above resolution, authenticated by the Moderator, and the Clerk, be immediately sent to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, and that Rev. Ebenezer Dickey, and Dr. Robert Patterson be a committee to wait upon the Assembly with said resolution.

J. ARBUCKLE, *Clerk*."

The committee from the Synod of the Associate Reformed Church appeared in the Assembly, and the resolution was read.

WHEREUPON, *Resolved*, That the Assembly receive this communication with great pleasure; and the Rev. Jonas Coe, D. D., the Rev. Thomas M'Auley, LL. D.; the Rev. William Gray, of the Presbytery of New York, and Mr. Divie Bethune were appointed a committee to wait upon said Synod; and, inasmuch as the different Presbyteries under the care of the Synod, cannot appoint delegates to attend the present General Assembly, cordially to invite all the delegates to the Synod, to take their seats in this house, as members of the Assembly.

Resolved, moreover, that the committee aforesaid be directed to request the members of said Synod, to attend this Assembly on to-morrow, at 4 o'clock, P. M., that we may, unitedly, return thanks to Almighty God for the consummation of this union.

The committee, to which was referred the statement of the commissioner from the Presbytery of Fayetteville, respecting a licentiate of the Presbytery of Hopewell, who had been suspended, both from the privilege of preaching the Gospel, and from the enjoyment of the sealing ordinances of God's house—reported the following resolution, which being read, was adopted, viz.

Resolved, That the only correct mode to be pursued by the licentiate, in order to obtain restoration to his former standing, is to make direct application to the Presbytery of Hopewell; and that the Presbytery of Fayetteville may, with propriety, collect and transmit to the Presbytery of Hopewell, any testimony, touching the moral character of said licentiate, while living within the bounds

of the Presbytery of Fayetteville, whenever requested by either the licentiate, or the Presbytery of Hopewell.

Resolved, That the Board of Missions be requested to present the thanks of this Assembly to the Rev. Obadiah Jennings, for the missionary sermon, which, by their appointment, he had preached last evening.

The committee on the printed minutes reported, and their report being read, was laid on the table.

The order of the day, viz.—the hearing of Mr. Arthur's appeal was postponed till to-morrow morning.

Adjourned till 9 o'clock to-morrow morning. Concluded with prayer.

May 22, 9 *o'clock, A. M.*

The Assembly met, and was constituted by prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

Mr. Samuel Bayard, ruling elder, from the Presbytery of New Brunswick appeared in the Assembly, and his commission being read, he took his seat as a member.

Resolved, That Charles Chauncey, Esq. be requested to give advice and aid to the committee, to which the subject of Dr. Wheelock's legacy had been referred.

Mr. Vandervoort resigned his seat to Mr. Jacob Kirkpatrick, the alternate mentioned in their commission, and Mr. Kirkpatrick took his seat as a member.

The committee, to which the rules for the government of the Assembly had been referred, reported, and their report being read, was, after considerable discussion, recommitted to the same committee.

Resolved, That the trustees of the Assembly be instructed to issue a warrant for the payment of $1060 49 to the missionaries appointed by the Board of Missions the last year.

The following extract from the minutes of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary, was received and read.

Extract from the minutes, May 21, 1822.

Resolved, That it be recommended to the General Assembly, that they elect a Professor of Oriental and Biblical literature, in the Theological Seminary, with a salary of $1,000 per annum, provided, that for three years the present funds of the Assembly be responsible for not more than $400 per annum, the sum now given to the assistant teacher of the original languages of the scriptures, and that the residue be procured by subscription."

Resolved, That agreeably to the above recommendation, a Professor of Oriental and Biblical literature be elected, and that the election be the order of the day for Friday next, at twelve o'clock.

A special prayer was addressed to the throne of grace, supplicating direction in the choice of a Professor.

The committee appointed to make arrangements for the concert of prayer, to be held this evening, and to designate persons to lead in the exercises, reported, and their report being read, was adopted.

The committee appointed to examine the records of the Synod of Geneva reported, and the book was approved to page 257, with the following exception, viz. That the Synod decided improperly, in saying that the complaint of D. C. Hopkins was not strictly sustained, while they at the same time say, that each and every act of the Presbytery of Onondaga complained of, was irregular and improper.

The committee appointed on the subject of the education of poor and pious

youth for the Gospel Ministry, submitted the following report, which was adopted, viz.

1. That the General Assembly consider the education of poor and pious youth of promising talents for the gospel ministry, a subject of interesting importance, especially considering the rapid population and increasing number of destitute settlements of our country.

2. It is therefore expected, that all the Presbyteries under their care, will pay particular attention to this important object, and that they be careful to forward, annually, written reports to the Assembly how many young men they have under their care; the funds they have raised for their education, with the whole of their transactions in this concern.

3. When this report is read in the Assembly, the inquiry shall not be as heretofore, whether the Presbyteries have done their duty, but whether their report shall be accepted, and if so, the inquiry ends.

4. Those Presbyteries which do not comply with these regulations, must assign satisfactory reasons for their non-compliance, or be recorded as delinquents in their duty, or censured by the Assembly, as they may deem proper.

Mr. Francis A. Latta resigned his seat to the Rev. Amzi Babbit, the alternate mentioned in their commission, and Mr. Babbit took his seat as a member.

The committee, to which was referred the report of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary, submitted the following resolutions, which were adopted, viz:

1. That the report of the Directors be approved.

2. That, in addition to the unexpended balance of last year, which, after paying what is now due the Professors, is - - - - $80 23
The following sums be appropriated for the salaries of the Professors, $1800 each, - - - - - - - - 3600 00
For the Professor proposed to be chosen, - - - - - 400 00
For house rent for one Professor, - - - - - - - 200 00
Contingencies, - - - - - - - - - - 100 00

4300 00

3. That whenever the sum of $5000 shall have been received from the executors of the late Dr. Boudinot, two scholarships shall be founded with said sum, under the names of the Boudinot and Bradford Scholarships; and that whenever the requisite sum, for the establishment of one or more scholarship or scholarships, from the sale or profits of the land, devised by the late Dr. Boudinot, for the use of the Seminary, be received, that the said scholarship or scholarships, shall be established under such names as Mrs. Susan V. Bradford shall suggest.

4. That the Directors be required to write to such congregations as they shall think expedient, and request that a collection be taken up immediately, to relieve the Directors from their present embarrassments.

The committee appointed to define the boundaries of the Synod of Tennessee, made the following report, which was adopted, viz:

That they are unable to ascertain the geographical limits of said Synod, therefore recommend, that the General Assembly order the Synod of South Carolina and Georgia, and the Synod of Tennessee, each to ascertain the geographical line of demarcation between said Synods, and report the same to the General Assembly next year.

Messrs. Anderson and Wisner obtained leave of absence during the remaining sessions of this Assembly.

Adjourned till 4 o'clock, P. M. Concluded with prayer.

4 *o'clock, P. M.*

The Assembly met, and was constituted by prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The committee appointed to wait on the Synod of the Associate Reformed Church, to inform them that the Assembly had received their communication with great pleasure, and cordially to invite all the delegates to the Synod to take their seats in this house as members of the Assembly, and to request the members of said Synod to attend this Assembly this afternoon, at 4 o'clock, that we may, unitedly, return thanks to Almighty God for the consummation of this union, reported, that they had fulfilled the duty assigned them.

The members of the Synod attended, and an appropriate psalm and hymn were sung, and two appropriate prayers were addressed to the throne of grace, one by a member of the Assembly, and the other by a member of the Synod, and the scene was deeply interesting and affecting, and exhibited a union of heart as well as a union in form.

The committee appointed to collect the rules proper to be adopted for the government of the Assembly in conducting business, reported the following, which were adopted, viz:

RULES

Of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church.

The Moderator's address to his Successor in Office, introductory to the Rules of Order.

Sir—It is my duty to inform you, and announce to this house, that you are duly elected to the office of Moderator in this General Assembly. For your direction in office, and for the direction of this Assembly in all their deliberations, before I leave this seat, I am to read to you and this house, the Rules contained in the Records of this Assembly; which, I doubt not, will be carefully observed by both in conducting the business that may come before you.

1. The Moderator shall take the chair precisely at the hour to which the Assembly stands adjourned; shall immediately call the members to order; and, on the appearance of a quorum, shall open the session with prayer.

2. If a quorum be not assembled at the hour appointed, any two members shall be competent to adjourn from time to time, that an opportunity may be given for a quorum to assemble.

3. After calling the roll, the minutes of the last sitting shall be read, and if requisite, corrected.

4. The General Assembly, at every meeting, shall appoint a committee of Bills and Overtures, to prepare and digest business for the Assembly. Any person thinking himself aggrieved by this committee, may complain to the Assembly.

5. Petitions, questions relating either to doctrine or order, and, usually, all new propositions tending to general laws, shall be laid before the committee of Bills and Overtures, before they be offered to the Assembly.

6. The Assembly shall also, at every meeting, appoint a committee, to be styled the Judicial Committee, whose duty it shall be to take into consideration all appeals and references brought to the Assembly; to ascertain whether they are in order, to digest and arrange all the documents relating to the same; and to propose to the Assembly the best method of proceeding in each case.

7. It shall be the duty of the Moderator, at all times, to preserve order; and to endeavour to conduct all business before the Assembly to a speedy and proper result

8. It shall be the duty of the Clerk, as soon as possible after the commence-

ment of the sessions of the Assembly, to form a complete roll of the members present, and put the same into the hands of the Moderator; and it shall also be the duty of the clerk, whenever any additional members take their seats, to add their names, in their proper places, to the said roll.

9. It shall be the duty of the clerk, immediately to file all papers, in the order in which they have been read, with proper endorsements, and to keep them in perfect order.

10. The Moderator may speak to points of order in preference to other members, rising from his seat for that purpose; and shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Assembly by any two members.

11. Business left unfinished at the last sitting, is, ordinarily, to be taken up first.

12. A motion made must be seconded, and afterwards repeated by the Moderator, or read aloud, before it is debated; and every motion shall be reduced to writing, if the Moderator, or any member require it.

13. Any member who shall have made a motion, shall have liberty to withdraw it, with the consent of his second, before any debate has taken place thereon; but not afterwards, without the consent of the Assembly.

14. On questions of order, adjournment, postponement, commitment, or the previous question, no member shall speak more than once; on all other questions, each member may speak twice, but not oftener, without the express permission of the Assembly.

15. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received, except to amend it, to commit it, to postpone it, for the previous question, or to adjourn.

16. An amendment may be moved on any motion, and shall be decided before the original motion.

17. If a motion under debate contains several parts, any two members may have it divided, and a question taken on each part.

18. The previous question shall be in this form:—"Shall the main question be now put?" and, until it is decided, shall preclude all amendment, and further debate on the main question.

19. If the previous question be decided in the affirmative, the debate on the main question may proceed; if in the negative, the effect shall be to arrest the discussion, and to produce an indefinite postponement.

20. A question shall not be again called up, or reconsidered at the same sessions of the Assembly at which it has been decided, except by the consent of two-thirds of the members who were present at the decision; and unless the motion to reconsider be made and seconded by persons who voted with the majority.

21. A subject which has been indefinitely postponed, either by the operation of the previous question, or by a direct motion for indefinite postponement, shall not be again called up, during the same sessions of the Assembly, except by the consent of three-fourths of the members who were present at the decision.

22. Every member, when speaking, shall address himself to the Moderator; and shall treat his fellow-members, and especially the Moderator, with decorum and respect.

23. Without express permission, no member, while business is going on, shall engage in private conversation; nor shall members address one another, nor any person present, but through the Moderator.

24. No speaker shall be interrupted, unless he be out of order, or for the purpose of correcting mistakes or misrepresentations.

25. It is indispensable, that members maintain great gravity and dignity while judicially convened; that they attend closely in their speeches, to the subject under consideration, and avoid prolix and desultory harangues; and when they deviate from the subject, it is the privilege of any member, and the duty of the Moderator, to call them to order.

26. No member, in the course of debate, shall be allowed to indulge in personal reflections.

27. If more than one member rise to speak at the same time, the member who is most distant from the Moderator's chair shall speak first.

28. When more than three members shall be standing at the same time, the Moderator shall require all to take their seats, the person only excepted who may be speaking.

29. If any member act, in any respect, in a disorderly manner, it shall be the privilege of any member, and the duty of the Moderator, to call him to order.

30. If any member consider himself aggrieved by a decision of the Moderator, it shall be his privilege to appeal to the Assembly; and the question on such appeal, shall be taken without debate.

31. Any member who may think himself aggrieved by a decision of the General Assembly, shall have his dissent, or protest, with his reasons entered on the records of the Assembly, or filed among their papers, if given in before the rising of the Assembly.*

32. It is the duty of the Moderator, to appoint all committees, except in those cases in which the Assembly shall decide otherwise.

33. The person first named on any committee shall be considered as the chairman thereof, whose duty it shall be to convene the committee; and in case of his absence, or inability to act, the second-named member shall take his place, and perform his duties.

34. When various motions are made with respect to the filling of blanks with particular numbers or times, the question shall always be first taken on the highest number, and the longest time.

35. When the Moderator has commenced taking the vote, no further debate or remark shall be admitted, unless there has evidently been a mistake; in which case, the mistake shall be rectified, and the Moderator shall recommence taking the vote.

36. When a vote is taken by ballot, the Moderator shall vote with the other members; but he shall not vote in any other case, unless the Assembly be equally divided, when, if he do not choose to vote, the question shall be lost.

37. The yeas and nays on any question, shall not be recorded, unless it be required by one-third of the members present.

38. Whenever the Assembly is about to sit in a judicial capacity, it shall be the duty of the Moderator, solemnly to announce from the chair, that the Assembly is about to pass to the consideration of the business assigned for trial, and to enjoin on the members to recollect and regard the high character, as Judges of a Court of Jesus Christ, and the solemn duty, in which they are about to act.

39. No member shall retire from the Assembly, without the leave of the Moderator; or withdraw from it, to return home, without the consent of the Assembly.

40. The Moderator, in finally closing the sessions of the Assembly, in addition to prayer, may cause an appropriate psalm or hymn to be sung; and shall pronounce the Apostolical Benediction.

Conclusion of the Moderator's address to his successor in office.

Having now read these rules, according to order, for your instruction, as Moderator, and for the direction of all the members, in the management of business, praying that Almighty God may direct, and bless all the deliberations of this General Assembly, for the glory of his name, and for the edifi

* See Form of Government, Book II. Chapter 8.

cation and comfort of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, I resign my place and office as Moderator.

Mr. Ballentine resigned his seat to the Rev. William Neill, D. D., the alternate mentioned in their commission; and Dr. Neill took his seat as a member.

An overture on the subject of fixing the boundaries of the Presbytery of Abingdon was read, and committed to Messrs. Beman, Gray and Chapin.

An overture, prescribing a plan for receiving commissioners to the Assembly, from newly formed Presbyteries, was submitted to the Assembly, and, being read, was committed to Messrs. Lansing, Henry, and Patterson.

The committee, to which had been referred the memorial of the session of Cross Creek, on the subject of incestuous marriage, in the case of a Mr. Vance, who had married his deceased wife's sister, reported; and their report being read, was adopted, and is as follows, viz.

That, after the most mature deliberation, they are of opinion, that there is no good reason why the resolutions of the last Assembly on this case should be altered.

Mr. Tracey obtained leave of absence during the remaining sessions of this Assembly.

The committee appointed to examine the records of the Synod of Philadelphia, reported, and the book was approved to page 76.

Mr. Lowe resigned his seat to the Rev. John F. Clark, the alternate mentioned in their commission, and Mr. Clark took his seat as a member.

The committee to which had been referred the overture from the Presbytery of Jersey, relative to the form and manner in which the minutes of the last Assembly had been printed, and the delay in forwarding them to the Presbyteries, reported, and their report being read and amended, was adopted, and is as follows, viz.

That they were informed by the printer, that the form and mode in which the minutes were printed the last year, were according to the direction of the committee, to which this business had been committed by the Assembly; and that the delay in the publication was occasioned by the delay in furnishing a copy and documents for publication.

They also recommend that the printer and agent of the Assembly be instructed to secure the printing and circulation of the minutes of the present Assembly as soon as possible, after the rising of the Assembly.

Mr. William A. Boyd resigned his seat to the Rev. James S. Woods, the principal mentioned in their commission, and Mr. Woods took his seat as a member.

Adjourned till 9 o'clock, to-morrow morning. Concluded with prayer.

May 23, 9 *o'clock, A. M.*

The Assembly met, and was constituted by prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The judicial committee reported, that they had had under their consideration papers marked Benjamin Bell's appeal, which purports to be an appeal from a decision of the Synod of Geneva; but there has been laid before the committee no copy of the decision appealed from, no appeal, nor reasons of the appeal, nor indeed anything but Mr. Bell's plea, intended by him to be laid before the Assembly; wherefore the committee requested to be discharged from further consideration of this case.

The request of the committee was granted, and they were accordingly discharged.

Mr. Porter resigned his seat to Mr. Hugh Gemmill, the principal mentioned in their commission, and Mr. Gemmill took his seat as a member.

The committee to which had been referred the subject of Dr. Wheelock's

legacy, reported, and their report being read, was recommitted to the same committee, with the addition of Mr. Bayard.

Mr. Irvin obtained leave of absence during the remaining sessions of this Assembly.

The judicial committee reported to the Assembly an appeal of the Presbytery of Abingdon, from a decision of the Synod of Virginia; but declined taking any order upon it, on account of several members of the committee being members of the Synod of Virginia. The appeal was then committed to Messrs. Beman, Cox, Swift, Edgar and Chester.

It being the order of the day, the appeal of Messrs. Lowerie and Kelso, from a decision of the Synod of Ohio, was taken up; and Mr. Bradford was appointed to advocate the cause of the appellants. The documents in the case were all read, and the parties being heard till they were satisfied, withdrew from the house. It was then moved and seconded, that the decison of the Synod be confirmed. After the members, being called in the order of the roll, had discussed the subject to a considerable length, the Assembly

Adjourned till 4 o'clock, P. M. Concluded with prayer.

4 o'clock, P. M.

The Assembly met, and was constituted by prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

Dr. Woodhull resigned his seat to the Rev. Archibald Alexander, D. D., the alternate mentioned in their commission, and Dr. Alexander took his seat as a member.

Agreeably to the invitation given by the committee of the Assembly to the Synod of the Associate Reformed Church, the following members of the Synod appeared in the Assembly, and took their seats, viz. the Rev. Robert B. E. M'Leod, Rev. John M. Duncan, and Messrs. Joseph Nourse and Robert Patterson, ruling elders. The rest of the members having made arrangements to return home were unable to attend the Assembly.

Mr. Mills obtained leave of absence from the Assembly during Saturday and Monday next.

The business left unfinished in the morning was resumed, viz. the consideration of the appeal of Messrs Lowerie and Kelso from a decision of the Synod of Ohio; and, after the discussion of the subject was finished, Drs. M'Auley and Neill and Mr. Post were appointed a committee, to prepare a minute containing a decision proper to be adopted by the Assembly in the case.

The narrative of the state of religion was read by paragraphs, and being amended, was adopted, and committed to the committee which had drawn it up, to superintend the printing of it. Ordered that 2000 copies be printed.

Messrs. Witherspoon and M'Lean obtained leave of absence during the remaining sessions of this Assembly.

Adjourned till 9 o'clock to-morrow morning. Concluded with prayer.

May 24, 9 *o'clock A. M.*

The Assembly met, and was constituted by prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The committee on the sale of the Digest reported, and their report being read, was adopted, and is as follows, viz.

That they have endeavoured to sell the book, but have not succeeded to the extent of their wishes. In hopes of deriving from the sale some considerable profit, that might be applied to the *Missionary* fund, they recommended a plan that was deemed most productive. But, as it has not succeeded, and as it is important that the book should be circulated in our churches, they take the liberty of recommending the following resolutions, viz.

1. That the committee be authorised to place the Digest in the hands of responsible booksellers, for sale on commission.

2. That they be authorized to sell to any member of this Assembly, or to any minister in our connection, the book, at a discount of *twenty-five* per cent.; provided he purchase six copies at the same time.

3. That they be authorized to put into the hands of any member of this Assembly, as many copies as he will engage to sell, or to return free of expense and uninjured; and that he be allowed a discount of *fifteen* per cent. on his sales.

4. That the General Assembly will please to direct a warrant to be issued for the payment of the account of the binder, amounting to $387 60.

Resolved, That the Trustees of the Assembly be instructed to issue a warrant for the payment of three hundred and eighty-seven dollars and sixty cents, being the amount due for binding a number of copies of the Digest.

Mr. Simpson resigned his seat to Mr. Samuel Holcomb, the alternate mentioned in their commission, and Mr. Holcomb took his seat as a member.

The committee to which had been referred the Synodical and Presbyterial Reports, reported, and their report being read, it was directed that the stated clerk transcribe it into the Compendious View. It was also ordered by the Assembly, that the following part be printed, viz:

"From the foregoing Compendious View it appears, that there are at this time 66 Presbyteries under the care of this assembly. From 62 of these, reports have been received during the last year; 62 have reported on the number of communicants added last year; 61 have reported on the whole number of communicants; 61 have reported on the baptisms, both of adults and infants, for the last year; 10 have reported on collections for Presbytery; 36 have reported on the Education fund; 37 have reported on the Missionary found; 53 on the Commissioners' fund; and 16 on the Theological Seminary. Of 1411 Congregations, the whole number under the care of the General Assembly, 627 have reported on the number of communicants, added during the last year, and 721 have reported on the total number of communicants; 450 have reported on the number of adult baptisms; and 645 on the number of infants baptized. Your committee further observe, that the above Compendious View, is by no means an adequate exhibition of the churches under the care of the General Assembly, either as to the number of ministers, the number of churches, the number of communicants, or the number of baptisms. It will be seen at first sight that 4 Presbyteries have made no reports on any of these items; 4 have not reported on the number of communicants added last year; 5 have not reported on the whole number of communicants; 5 have not reported on baptisms, either of adults or infants; it will also appear that only 627 congregations, not quite half the whole number, have reported the communicants added during the last year, and only 721 have reported on the whole number of communicants; that only 450 have reported on the number of adult baptisms, and that only 645 have reported on the number of infants baptized.

The committee, appointed to prepare a report in relation to the property left in trust by the late Dr. Wheelock, President of Dartmouth College, for the use of the Theological Seminary of the Presbyterian Church, at Princeton, reported the following resolutions, which were adopted, viz:

Resolved, 1. That the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, gratefully acknowledge the obligations they owe to the late Dr. Wheelock for his distinguished liberality in the devise of a large landed property in the states of New Hampshire and Vermont, for the use of their Theological Seminary at Princeton.

2. That whenever, from the sale of the estate so devised, a sum not less than fifteen thousand dollars shall have been received by the Treasurer of this As-

sembly, they do hereby engage to appropriate from funds under their control, whatever balance may be necessary, in addition to the proceeds from the legacy of the late Dr. Wheelock to make up the sum required by the plan of the Theological Seminary for the endowment of a Professorship, which Professorship, when so endowed, shall be established under the title of "The Wheelock Professorship of Biblical Literature."

3. That this Assembly acknowledge with gratitude the services heretofore received from President Allen of Bowdoin College, in relation to the property left by the late Dr. Wheelock for the benefit of the Theological Seminary at Princeton.

4. *Resolved*, That the stated clerk of this Assembly be directed to write to President Allen, and inclose him a certified copy of the foregoing resolutions.

Mr. Alexander Boyd resigned his seat to Rev. Jacob J. Janeway, D. D., the alternate mentioned in their commission, and Dr. Janeway took his seat as a member.

An overture submitting to the Assembly the following question, viz: "At what age ought children to be considered too old to be baptized on the faith of their parents?" was laid before the Assembly, and being read, was committed to Dr. Alexander, Dr. Neill, and Mr. Gilbert.

Mr. Reid resigned his seat to Rev. Ely Smith, the alternate mentioned in their commission, and Mr. Smith took his seat as a member.

The committee to which was referred an overture on the subject of admitting commissioners from newly formed Presbyteries, to seats in this house, reported the following resolutions, which were adopted, viz:

1. *Resolved*, That it be adopted as a standing rule of this house, that commissioners from newly formed Presbyteries, shall, before taking their seats, as members of this body, produce satisfactory evidence, that the Presbyteries, to which they belong, have been regularly organized according to the constitution of the Church, and are in connection with the General Assembly.

2. *Resolved* also, that such commissioners shall be entitled to furnish the evidence required in the foregoing resolution, before the House shall proceed to the choice of a Moderator.

A communication was received from the Synod of Tennessee, requesting, that hereafter they may be allowed to manage their own missionary concerns; and, being read, was committed to the Board of Missions.

The report of the committee on psalmody being called for, it appeared that the committee were not prepared to report; but a member of the committee being present stated what progress had been made in discharge of their duty; whereupon the committee was continued, and Dr. M'Auley and the Rev. Robert B. E. M'Leod were added to the committee.

Resolved, That an election of Trustees of the General Assembly be held this year, and that the election be the order of the day for Monday next, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

The persons composing the present Board of Missions were re-elected, and Rev. Ezra S. Ely, D. D., in the place of Dr. Boudinot, deceased; the Rev. Nathan S. S. Beman, in the place of Dr. Flinn, deceased; the Rev. Miles P. Squier of the Synod of Genessee, and Mr. John Bickman, ruling elder in the city of New York, were added to the Board.

Mr. Fairchild obtained leave of absence, after this day, during the remaining sessions of this Assembly.

The committee to which Mr. Craighead's letter had been referred, reported, and their report being read and discussed at considerable length, was recommitted to the same committee, with the addition of Dr. Alexander.

It being the order of the day for 12 o'clock, an election was held for a Professor of Oriental and Biblical Literature. The ballots being taken, were com-

mitted to Messrs. John F. Clark, Cox and Gilbert, to count the votes and report the result to the Assembly.

A letter from the Associate Reformed Synod of the West was received, and being read, was committed to Dr. M'Auley, Mr. Bethune, Messrs. Duncan and M'Leod, and Dr. Janeway.

The committee to which the votes for a Professor had been committed, reported, and the Rev. Charles Hodge was declared duly elected Professor of Oriental and Biblical Literature.

Resolved, That Drs. Romeyn and Neill, and Mr. Bethune be a committee to confer with a committee from the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church, (if such a one shall be appointed) on the subject of a connection by correspondence, between the two churches, and make report to the next General Assembly.

The committee to which was referred the appeal of Messrs. Lowerie and Kelso, reported, and the report being read, and discussed to a very considerable length,

The Assembly adjourned till 4 o'clock, P. M. Concluded with prayer.

4 o'clock, P. M.

The Assembly met, and was constituted by prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The business left unfinished in the morning, viz: the consideration of the report of the committee, to which was referred the appeal of Messrs. Lowerie and Kelso from the decision of the Synod of Ohio, affirming the decision of the Presbytery of Miami, by which decision the Presbytery had pronounced the election of Messrs. Dillingham and Rice to the office of ruling elders in the second Presbyterian church of Cincinnati, a valid election, was resumed and finished; and the report being amended, and fully discussed, was adopted, and is as follows, viz:

The General Assembly, having gone fully into the consideration of the appeal from the decision of the Synod of Ohio, by Messrs. Lowerie and Kelso, and having seen, with deep regret, the appearance of much disorder in the whole business, which they disapprove; believing, as the Assembly do, that the election of elders should be conducted with all due deliberation, according to the letter of the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church, and in the spirit and temper of the gospel, and that although the Assembly are of the opinion, that it would be most desirable to have the communicants only, as the electors of ruling elders; yet, as it appears to be the custom in some of the churches in the Presbyterian connection to allow this privilege to others, they see no reason why the election should be considered void, nor any reason why the decision of the Synod of Ohio should not be affirmed.

Therefore resolved, that the sentence of the Synod of Ohio be, and it hereby is affirmed. And the Assembly gave their opinion, that the Session of a Church has the authority to convene the congregation for all such purposes; but should the Session neglect or refuse to convene the congregation, the party feeling aggrieved, has its remedy by application to Presbytery in the form of a complaint.

The committee appointed to determine the boundaries of the Presbytery of Abingdon reported; and the report being read, was recommitted to the same committee.

The committee to which was referred a paper purporting to be a remonstrance from John M. Rankin and others, who allege that they are members of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, having had the same under serious consideration, submitted the following report, which was adopted, viz:

The General Assembly can never hesitate, on any proper occasion, to recommend to those, who, at both their licensure and ordination, professed "sincerely to receive and adopt *the Confession of Faith of this Church*, as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures," and to all other members of our Church, steadfastly to adhere to that "form of sound words."

But while the General Assembly is invested with the power of deciding in all controversies, respecting doctrine and discipline; of reproving, warning, or bearing testimony, against error in doctrine in any Church, Presbytery, or Synod; or of suppressing schismatical contentions and disputations, all such matters ought to be brought before the Assembly in a regular and constitutional way. And it does not appear that the Constitution ever designed that the General Assembly should take up abstract cases, and decide on them, especially when the object appears to be, to bring those decisions to bear on particular individuals, not judicially before the Assembly. Neither does it appear, that the Constitution of the Church intended that any person or persons should have the privilege of presenting for decision, remonstrances, respecting points of doctrine, on the conduct of individuals, not brought up from the inferior judicatories, by appeal, reference, or complaint; and this especially, when such remonstrances contain no evidence whatsoever, of the facts alleged, but mere statements, of the truth or justness of which, the Assembly have no means of judging, inasmuch as a contrary course would allow of counter and contradictory remonstrances, without end.

Wherefore, on motion resolved, that the committee be discharged from the further consideration of this remonstrance; and the committee were accordingly discharged.

Adjourned till 9 o'clock, to-morrow morning. Concluded with prayer.

May 25, 9 *o'clock, A. M.*

The Assembly met, and was constituted by prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

Messrs. Gildersleeve, Henry, Hollister, Swift and Dorance, obtained leave of absence after this day, during the remaining sessions of this Assembly.

Messrs. Vallandingham, Allen and Crane, obtained leave of absence, after 12 o'clock, till Monday morning.

Mr. Allen resigned his seat to Mr. James Blair, and Mr. Buchanan resigned his seat to the Rev. Robert Cathcart, D. D., the alternates mentioned in their commissions; and Mr. Blair and Dr. Cathcart took their seats as members.

The committee appointed to report on the subject of the boundary line between the Presbyteries of Abingdon and Union, submitted the following; which, being read, was adopted, viz:

"From the minutes of the late Synod of the Carolinas, it appears, that the Presbytery of Abingdon, in the year 1797, petitioned said Synod for a division of that Presbytery;—which petition was granted. The western boundary of Abingdon, by this act, was to be "a line running from the North Carolina boundary, north to the mouth of Big Limestone; up said creek, &c., to the Kentucky line." The members west of this line were constituted into a Presbytery by the name of *Union.*

On the petition of several persons in 1799, the boundary line between the Presbyteries of Abingdon and Union was altered, by an act of the same Synod. This line was to run due north, touching in its course the mouth of Lick Creek. By this new partition, the Rev. Hezekiah Balch and John Copan, who were before attached to Union Presbytery, became members of Abingdon.

In 1800 the Synod formed a new Presbytery, to be known by the name of the Presbytery of Greenville, the boundary of which on the east, was to be the

first established, and on the west, the *last* established line, between the Presbyteries of Abingdon and Union. The territory occupied by this Presbytery, is the one now in dispute; and this territory, it should not be forgotten, embraced the Rev. Mr. Balch and John Copan, who, by the *first* dividing line, were members of Union, and by the *second*, members of Abingdon.

In 1804, the Presbytery of Greenville was dissolved by the Synod, and the only information given respecting the destination of this disputed territory, is in the following extract from their minutes. "*Resolved*, That the said Presbytery of Greenville be dissolved, and it is hereby dissolved. The Rev. Messrs. Samuel Davis and George Newton are directed to apply to the Presbytery of Concord for re-admission; the Rev. Messrs Hezekiah Balch and John Copan to apply to the Presbytery of Union; and the Rev. Mr. Bovall to the Presbytery of West Lexington in the Synod of Kentucky, or to any other Presbytery in whose bounds his lot may be ordered."

From this minute, it does appear to your committee, that the exclusive jurisdiction over this territory, once embraced within the bounds of the Presbytery of Greenville, is not given either to Abingdon or Union. The Presbytery of Concord can unquestionably claim, by the authority of this act, that part occupied by the Rev. Messrs. Davis and Newton, and their congregations. The Presbytery of Union, that occupied by the Rev. Messrs. Balch and Copan; and, as the act is silent as to the acquisition of either ministers or territory by the Presbytery of Abingdon, your committee can see no reason why that Presbytery should not be restricted within the same limits by which they were bounded when the Presbytery of Greenville was in existence. This is what is denominated the Limestone boundary, and is the same line of division which was established between Abingdon and Union, when Union Presbytery was constituted.

From this view of facts, your committee would recommend to the Assembly, that this line be the boundary between the Presbyteries of Abingdon and Union, leaving any congregations now established within the former bounds of the Presbytery of Greenville, the liberty of attaching themselves to the Presbytery of Abingdon, if in their judgment they shall deem such a measure conducive to their edification, and the peace and unity of the church."

It being the order of the day, the Assembly proceeded to the consideration of Mr. Arthur's appeals from the decision of the Presbytery of Miami. Dr. Ely was nominated by Mr. Arthur to advocate his cause, and was accordingly appointed by the Assembly. Mr. Barr resigned his seat to Dr. Ely, and Dr. Ely took his seat as a member. The documents in the case were read, and the parties were heard till they were satisfied, and withdrew. The members of the Assembly were called in the order of the roll, and, after considerable discussion of the subject, the Assembly

Adjourned till 9 o'clock on Monday morning. Concluded with prayer.

May 27, 9 *o'clock, A. M.*

The Assembly met, and was constituted by prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

Mr. Duncan obtained leave of absence during the remaining sessions of this Assembly; and Mr. Squier obtained leave of absence after 12 o'clock.

A communication from Mr. Zechariah Lewis, Domestic Secretary of the United Foreign Missionary Society, was received, and, being read, was committed to Dr. Janeway, Mr. Magraw, and Mr. Lewis.

The business left unfinished on Saturday was resumed, viz: the consideration of the Rev. William Arthur's appeals from the decision of the Presbytery of Miami. The members were all called in the order of the roll, and the subject being fully discussed, the following motion was made and seconded, viz:

That Mr. Arthur's appeal from the decision of the Presbytery of Miami, sus-

pending him from the office of the gospel ministry be sustained. The vote was taken, and the motion was carried in the affirmative, and Mr. Arthur's appeal was accordingly sustained.

It was then moved and seconded, that Mr. Arthur's appeal from the decision of the Presbytery of Miami, requiring him to submit to a solemn rebuke for having slandered, in a pamphlet which he had published, the character of the Rev. Joshua L. Wilson, be sustained. The vote was taken, and the motion was carried in the negative, and the appeal accordingly was not sustained.

Dr. Janeway, Dr. Neill and Mr. Reid were appointed a committee to prepare and submit to the Assembly a minute proper to be adopted in the case.

The committee to which had been referred Mr. Craighead's letter, reported; and the report being read and amended, was discussed at some length.

The order of the day, viz. the election of trustees of the General Assembly was postponed till the afternoon.

The Assembly adjourned till 4 o'clock, P. M. Concluded with prayer.

Four o'clock, P. M.

The Assembly met, and was constituted by prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

It being the order of the day to hold an election of trustees of the General Assembly, an election was held to fill the vacancy in the Board of Trustees occasioned by the death of Elias Boudinot, LL. D.; and Thomas Bradford, jun. Esq. was duly chosen.

Resolved, That no further election of trustees be held this year.

The committee to which had been referred the letter from the Associate Reformed Synod of the West, reported; and their report being read, was laid on the table.

Dr. Balch obtained leave of absence after this day, during the remaining sessions of this Assembly.

The business left unfinished in the morning, viz: the consideration of the report of the committee to which had been referred the Rev. T. B. Craighead's letter, was resumed, and the report was adopted, and is as follows, viz:

"In the year 1811, an appeal from a decision of the Synod of Kentucky, by T. B. Craighead, accompanied by a letter from the same, was laid before the General Assembly. But Mr. Craighead not appearing in person, to prosecute his appeal, permission was given by the Assembly, on the last day of their sessions, to the members of the Synod of Kentucky, who were present, to enter a protest against the prosecution of the aforesaid appeal, at any future time. This was supposed to be required by a standing rule of the Assembly. The appeal of Mr. Craighead was therefore not heard, and the sentence of the Synod of Kentucky was rendered final.

It moreover appears, that the General Assembly of the year aforesaid, having adopted the protest of the members of the Synod of Kentucky as their own act, did declare that Mr. Craighead had been deposed, whereas the decision of the Synod was suspension; and, although the Synod did direct the Presbytery to which Mr. Craighead belonged, to depose him, if he did not, at their next stated meeting, retract his errors; yet this sentence could not have been constitutionally inflicted, because Mr. Craighead appealed from the decision of Synod, the effect of which was to arrest all further proceedings in the case, until the appeal should be tried; therefore the sentence of the Assembly declaring Mr. Craighead deposed, does not accord with the sentence of the Synod, which was suspension.

From the above history of facts, your committee, while they entirely dissent from many of the opinions contained in Mr. Craighead's letter, and con-

sider its publication before it was presented to the Assembly indecorous and improper, are of opinion, that he has just ground of complaint in regard to the proceedings of the General Assembly of 1811 in his case, and that the construction put on the standing rule of the Assembly was not correct; for personal attendance on the superior judicatory is not essential to the regular prosecution of an appeal. Moreover, the sentence of the Assembly, being founded in error, ought to be considered null and void, and Mr. Craighead ought to be considered as placed in the same situation as before the decision took place, and as possessing the right to prosecute his appeal before this judicatory.

Ordered, that the stated clerk forward to Mr. Craighead a copy of the foregoing minute.

Resolved, That the Treasurer be directed to report to this Assembly, the state of the funds for the support of the Theological Seminary;—the receipts into the contingent fund during the last year, and the amount that is applicable to the current expenses of the present year.

The committee to which was referred the question, "At what age ought children to be considered too old to be baptized on the faith of their parents?" reported the following answer; which, being read, was adopted, viz:

The precise time of life when the state of infancy ceases, is not determined in the word of God, nor by the standards of our Church, and, from the nature of the case, is incapable of being regulated by any uniform rule, but should be left to the judgment of ministers and sessions, to be determined according to the particular circumstances of each case. The Assembly, therefore, deem it inexpedient to attempt to fix the precise time at which children ought to be considered too old to be baptized on the faith of their parents.

The committee appointed to prepare a minute proper to be made respecting Mr. Arthur's appeal, reported the following, which was adopted, viz:

"The Assembly sustained the appeal of Mr. Arthur from the sentence of the Presbytery, by which he was suspended from the gospel ministry, on the ground of contumacy, because the Presbytery appeared to have been precipitate, and not to have observed the constitutional rules. See Discipline, chapter 4th, sections 6th, 10th, and 11th. They deem, too, the request of Mr. Arthur, for a copy of the first sentence, to have been reasonable, and that it ought to have been complied with. But the appeal from the first sentence, by which the charge of slander, preferred against him by the Rev. Joshua L. Wilson, was declared to be substantiated, and Mr. Arthur required to submit to a rebuke, the Assembly could not sustain. For, although the Assembly noticed the omission of Presbytery to assign Mr. Arthur counsel to manage his defence; see Discipline, chapter 4th, section 13th, yet they did judge the pamphlet, of which Mr. Arthur admitted himself to be the author, to contain slander against Mr. Wilson, and could not but disapprove of the spirit, under the influence of which it appeared to have been written.

Having thus delivered their judgment, the Assembly exhort the brethren concerned, to study the things that make for peace, and to exercise mutual forbearance.

Messrs. Whelpley, Ford, York and Price, obtained leave of absence, during the remaining sessions of this Assembly, and Mr. Russel obtained leave of absence after to-morrow morning.

The committee to which was referred the appeal of the Presbytery of Abingdon, from the decision of the Synod of Virginia, in the case of Mr. Glenn, reported, and their report being read and discussed for a short time, the further consideration of it was postponed till to-morrow.

Mr. Robert Patterson was added to the committee, which had under their consideration the letter from the Associate Reformed Synod of the West.

Adjourned till 9 o'clock to-morrow morning. Concluded with prayer.

May 28, 9 *o'clock, A. M.*

The Assembly met, and was constituted by prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

Messrs. Styles, Miller, Allen, Grier, Munson and Dr. M'Auley obtained leave of absence during the remaining sessions of this Assembly, and Mr. Reeve obtained leave of absence after this day.

An overture from the commissioner from the Presbytery of Londonderry, in behalf of the Presbytery on the subject of a difficulty occurring in the ordination of their licentiates, who settle in remote parts of our country, was submitted to the Assembly, and, being read and discussed, the further consideration of it was indefinitely postponed.

The committee, to which had been referred the letter from the Associate Reformed Synod of the West, reported, and the following was adopted as the answer proper to be given to their letter, viz:

A letter from the Associate Reformed Synod of the West, claiming a part of the Theological Library belonging to the late General Synod of the Associate Reformed Church, was received and read. After considerable deliberation on the subject, it was understood that a similar letter had been received by the late General Synod from the Synod of the West, to which an answer had been given by the General Synod.

Whereupon the Assembly *Resolved*, That it is unnecessary to give to the Synod of the West any other answer than that which they have already received from the General Synod, as that Synod were better acquainted with all the merits and circumstances of the case than this Assembly are. Ordered, that the Stated Clerk forward a copy of the above minute to the Associate Reformed Synod of the West, in answer to their letter written to this Assembly.

Messrs. Platt, Eells, and Samuel Hunter obtained leave of absence during the remaining sessions of this Assembly.

The Treasurer of the Assembly presented a copy of his annual account as settled and approved by the Trustees of the Assembly, and the Treasurer's book was laid on the table for the inspection of the members.

Information was received that the condition on which the Professor of Oriental and Biblical Literature was elected, was complied with, and the original subscription paper lodged with the Treasurer of the General Assembly.

The committee, to which was referred the letter from the Domestic Secretary of the United Foreign Missionary Society, reported, and their report being read, was adopted, and is as follows, viz:

That, by turning to the pages of their report referred to in that letter, they find there a statement of receipts and expenditure, accompanied with the following remarks:

"By this summary it will be seen, that the receipts of the managers, during the past year, have fallen far short of their expenditures. At the commencement of the year, there was a balance in the Treasury of *twelve hundred and fifty-three dollars.* Of the stock then on hand, the Board have sold *three thousand three hundred and forty-nine dollars,* and there is now due to the Treasury the sum of *four hundred and ninety-nine dollars,* making altogether a deficiency in the receipts of the year of more than *five thousand dollars.*

"Although the managers regret that such should, at any time, be the state of

their funds, yet they retain entire confidence in the liberality and good faith of the three denominations, under whose patronage this Society was established. They cannot suspect that their fellow-christians will permit the Institution to languish, or its devoted Missionaries to suffer in the wilderness, for want of pecuniary support. So long as their expenditures shall continue to be regulated by a due regard to usefulness and economy, they feel constrained to believe, that however widely they may, under the guidance of Providence, extend their operations, they will be borne out by the munificence of the religious community, in their *work of faith*, and their *labour of love*.

This Society, so important in its design and extensive in its operations, while it claims indeed the assistance of all the churches belonging to the denominations by whom it has been patronised, has a peculiar claim to the liberal aid of the churches of this General Assembly, by whom it was originated.

The committee, therefore, submit the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That it be recommended to our churches to form Auxiliary Societies and Associations, in aid of the United Foreign Missionary Society, wherever it may be practicable.

2. *Resolved*, That it be recommended to our churches to take up collections at the monthly concert prayer meetings, in aid of the funds of this Society, that their alms may ascend with their prayers, for a memorial before God, and that their benefactions may prove how sincerely they desire the coming of the Redeemer's kingdom and the conversion of the world.

A letter from the Associate Reformed Synod of the South was received, and being read, was committed to Dr. Janeway, Messrs. Robert Patterson, Bayard and Bethune.

The report which had been postponed till to-day, was called up, viz: the report of the committee to which was referred the appeal of the Presbytery of Abingdon, from the decision of the Synod of Virginia, in the case of Mr. Glenn.

The consideration of the report, which recommended the dismissing of the appeal, was postponed, and the appeal was taken up, and the documents being read, the following resolution was submitted to the Assembly, and adopted, viz:

Resolved, That the appeal of the Presbytery of Abingdon, from the decision of the Synod of Virginia, in the case of the Rev. Robert Glenn, be dismissed, on the ground, that the substantial cause of appeal has been removed by the act of that Presbytery, in their receiving Mr. Glenn in conformity with the decision of the Synod. The appeal was accordingly dismissed.

The Treasurer laid before the Assembly a statement of the funds of the Theological Seminary, and the statement being read, was committed to Drs. Rice, Janeway and Neill, and Messrs. Bethune and Bayard.

Messrs. Camp and Halsey obtained leave of absence during the remaining sessions of this Assembly.

Resolved, That Drs. Green, Alexander and Miller be a committee to inquire whether any, and if any, what measures ought to be adopted for the better conducting the business of the General Assembly; and that they report on the subject to the next Assembly.

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the Assembly be directed to lay before every Assembly, as soon after its meeting in each year as possible, a full statement of the funds of the Assembly, with an estimate of the expenses that must be provided for during the current year.

Adjourned till 4 o'clock, P. M. Concluded with prayer.

4 o'clock, P. M.

The Assembly met, and was constituted by prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

Dr. Ely, who was appointed by the last Assembly to secure the copyright of

the constitution of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, reported, that he had attended to the duty assigned him, and that he held in his hands all the requisite certificates of said copyright; and his report was accepted, and Dr. Ely was directed to deposit the certificates with the Treasurer of the Trustees of the Assembly.

The Stated Clerk was directed to procure the binding of 200 copies of the 4th volume of the printed Extracts of the minutes of the Assembly; and the Trustees were instructed to issue a warrant for the payment of the binding of said Extracts.

The committee, to which had been referred the letter from the Associate Reformed Synod of the South, submitted the following resolutions, which were adopted, viz:

Resolved, That a union having now taken place between the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church and the General Synod of the Associate Reformed Church; and the library of the Theological Seminary of the latter, being, by the terms of union, incorporated with that of the former, at Princeton, the General Assembly cannot accede to the claim of the Associate Reformed Synod of the South.

Resolved, That a copy of the above resolution be transmitted by the Stated Clerk to the Associate Reformed Synod of the South.

The committee, appointed to make a distribution of the commissioners' fund, reported, and their report being read, was accepted; and the Trustees of the Assembly were instructed to issue a warrant for the payment of $1484 86 to the commissioners, according to the report of the committee.

No report was received from the Board of Education. The standing rule on the subject having, for the present, been suspended—it was resolved, that the present Board be continued, and they were accordingly continued.

Resolved, That a copy of the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church be presented, by the Stated Clerk, to the General Associations of Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and the General Convention of Vermont; and that the Trustees of the Assembly be instructed to issue a warrant for the payment of those copies.

Resolved, That all the minutes of this Assembly be published, except those which the Assembly shall, by a vote, determine are not to be printed; and the Stated Clerk was appointed to superintend the printing.

Resolved, That this Assembly view, with concern, the manifest inattention of many of the Presbyteries to raising and forwarding their reasonable proportions to the commissioners' fund. In consequence of which the Assembly foresee, that, if this inattention continue, the remoter parts of the churches, pressed with an unequal burden, from the circumstance of their distance, will have but a very small representation in the future meetings of the Assembly; and that thereby the great objects of the Assembly, the preserving the union of the churches, and cherishing their interests in every part, however remote, will be greatly impeded, and perhaps finally defeated.

Resolved, Therefore, that it be enjoined, and it is hereby enjoined on the Presbyteries under the care of the Assembly, and especially on those that have been deficient, to pay a particular attention to this duty in future.

Resolved, That Drs. Janeway and Neill be authorized to have reprinted, by subscription, extracts belonging to the first volume of the printed Extracts, so as to furnish, at a reasonable price, copies of that volume; that they be authorized to use those which are already in print of that volume, for the benefit of the subscribers; and that they endeavour to secure some copies to be put at the disposal of the Assembly.

Mr. Finley presented to the Assembly twenty copies of the History of the Theological Seminary at Princeton, to be given to the Western members of the

Assembly. *Resolved*, That the thanks of the Assembly be presented to Mr. Finley.

The committee, to which had been referred the statement of the Treasurer, in relation to the funds of the Theological Seminary, submitted the following report, which was adopted, viz.:

It appears that there is due to the Professors one quarter's salary, for the last year; and that the whole salary for the current year, is to be provided for, making in the whole, $4750. That one quarter's salary is due to Mr. Hodge, as assistant Teacher of the Original Languages of the Scriptures; and that the Assembly are pledged to pay him $400, as Professor of Oriental and Biblical Literature, making in the whole to be provided on this account the sum of $500. That the contingent fund is chargeable, with interest, on $9000 for the current year, amounting to $540. And that there was on the 15th of May, 1822, due to the Treasurer, for moneys advanced by him, $315 60. Of the above items, the amount is $6105 60; to cover which expenses, the only means reported by the Treasurer, are the following, viz:

1. The amount of collections, donations, &c., estimated at $2000.
2. The interest of the permanent fund, &c., $1500.
3. Net proceeds of the rent of the house, late the estate of R. Knox—making the whole amount of means $3870—leaving a deficiency in the means, for the current year, of $2235 60.

It appears also, that a part of the deficiency here to be provided for, is of such a nature, that immediate measures must be adopted by the Assembly for that purpose; otherwise the interests of the Seminary must be most materially injured. But the committee can think of no method, by which the urgent wants of the institution can be supplied, but that of a loan.

It is obvious, however, that this ought to be and can be only a temporary expedient; and that vigorous measures ought immediately to be adopted for the purpose of replenishing the exhausted contingent fund of the Seminary. The Assembly has directed, that the Secretary of the Board of Directors should write to such congregations as he may think proper, urging them to raise collections for the supply of the immediate wants. But in the judgment of the committee, it will be entirely unwise to rely on this measure, as the relief afforded by it cannot reasonably be expected to be either prompt or effectual. The committee, however, are persuaded, that by employing a suitable number of intelligent and industrious agents, who shall devote themselves exclusively and zealously to the business of soliciting contributions for the contingent fund of the Seminary, money sufficient to relieve it from its present pressure may, without difficulty, be raised in the course of the year. Wherefore, *Resolved*,

1. That the Trustees of the Assembly be authorized and directed, to borrow on the best terms that they can make, a sum not exceeding two thousand dollars, to supply the present deficiency in the contingent fund of the Theological Seminary.

2. That Dr. Green, Dr. Alexander, and Dr. Miller be a committee, with full powers to employ suitable persons, as agents, to solicit contributions for the Contingent Fund, to prescribe their routes, give them instructions, and do whatsoever else, in their judgment may be necessary, to ensure success to a measure so important.

The roll having been called agreeably to a standing rule on the subject, it appeared that none of the members had left the Assembly without leave.

Resolved, That this Assembly be dissolved, and that another Assembly, chosen in the same manner, be required to meet in the Seventh Presbyterian Church in this city, on the 3d Thursday in May, 1823, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

Concluded with prayer.

APPENDIX.

A NARRATIVE OF THE STATE OF RELIGION,

Within the bounds of the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the Presbyterian Church; and of the General Associations of Connecticut and Massachusetts, and the General Convention of Vermont, during the last year.

THE General Assembly in sending to the churches the annual narrative of the state of religion within their bounds, wish them *grace, mercy, and peace from God our Father and Jesus Christ our Lord.*

We have much reason to offer our thanksgivings to the Great Head of the church for the many tokens of his love, with which he has visited that portion of it, which is in our land, during the past year. He has given many convincing proofs, that he has been present with the assemblies of his people to bless them, by bestowing upon them the sanctifying influences of his Holy Spirit. Him we acknowledge and adore as our Redeemer and Head, as the foundation of our hopes and the source of all grace, and we ascribe *glory and dominion to Him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood.*

But while there are many reasons for thankfulness and rejoicing, there is much also to be deplored.

It is with deep sorrow, that the Assembly have heard numerous complaints of lukewarmness and conformity to the world, among professing Christians. The neglect of family prayer, the want of zeal for extending the interests of the Redeemer's kingdom, attachment to the world, conformity to its sinful customs and pleasures, and in some few instances, dissensions and backslidings prove that these complaints are but too well founded. Such professors seem to have forgotten the deep obligations which they are under, from their own voluntary engagements of obedience to God, and from the dying love of him who gave himself for them, to redeem them from all iniquity; that the God whom we serve is "a jealous God;" and that the sins of his professing people are peculiarly hateful to him. We affectionately, and yet solemnly call upon them to *remember from whence they are fallen, and to repent and do their first works; to be watchful and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die.*

In some parts of our land, attempts are made to propagate the most pernicious errors. With a zeal worthy of a better cause, and under lofty pretensions to superior rationality and to deeper discoveries in religion, some are endeavouring to take away the crown from the Redeemer's head; to degrade *Him* who is the mighty God and the Prince of life, to a level with mere men, and to rob us of all our hopes of redemption through his blood. Pretending too, a more expanded benevolence to man, and more ennobled ideas of the goodness and mercy of God, they assiduously propagate the sentiment, that all men will ultimately obtain eternal happiness, however sinful their present temper and conduct may be, without any regard to the cleansing of the blood of atonement, or the sanctifying influences of the Spirit of God. Believing that these sentiments are utterly subversive of gospel truth and holiness; that they are alike dishonouring to God, and destructive to the present and eternal welfare of men, we cannot but affectionately warn you against them. *Beware, brethren, lest ye also being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own steadfastness.* Cherish an ardent attachment to the truth *which is ac-*

cording to godliness: and seek to experience in your own souls its sanctifying influence.

The gross vices of intemperance, profane swearing, Sabbath-breaking, and gambling, still extensively exist. The excessive use of spirituous liquors continues to produce the most deplorable effects, and threatens still greater injury. That such crimes should anywhere exist, is matter of astonishment and sorrow. They prove that man has deeply apostatized from God, and that our nature is both degraded and depraved.

But there is one subject to which the Assembly advert with the most painful feelings. Vast sections of our country, particularly our frontiers, are destitute of the stated means of grace, and are loudly calling upon us, in the words of the man of Macedonia, *Come over and help us.*

In the Presbytery of Niagara, which consists of twenty-six congregations, there are but four which have pastors. In the Presbytery of Genessee, which consists of nineteen congregations, two only have pastors, and of these two, but one enjoys the stated preaching of the gospel more than half the time. In the Presbytery of Bath, the churches are few, and most of them feeble, and destitute of the ministry of the word. There are but six ministers in nearly as many counties. Multitudes are evidently living without God in the world, and paying not even an outward respect to the institutions of the gospel. In many families the Scriptures are not to be found, and in too many instances little or no desire is shown to possess them. In many places no meetings for the public worship of God are held; and in many others, such meetings are thinly attended. In the Presbytery of Champlain, many towns are destitute of a preached gospel and church privileges; and in the Presbytery of Susquehanna, which spreads over an extensive country, among twenty-six congregations, which are widely scattered, there are but ten ministers. Of twenty-nine congregations, which belong to the Presbytery of Erie, twenty-one are destitute of a stated ministry, and of thirty-three congregations which belong to the Presbytery of Louisville, more than half are in the same destitute condition. In the Presbytery of Union, two or three times the present number of ministers are needed, to supply the spiritual wants of that portion of our church. In the Presbytery of Grand River, which consists of twenty-nine congregations, there are but twelve ministers. The Presbytery of West Tennessee, which spreads over a large tract of country, and embraces within its bounds a population of 310,000 inhabitants, has only fourteen ministers belonging to it; and there is not a single licentiate within their bounds. The few missionaries who have passed through this region have been well received, and much solicitude is manifested by the people to obtain the labours of a zealous and enlightened ministry. That section of our church which is contained within the bounds of the Presbyteries of Missouri and Mississippi, loudly calls for the attention of the Christian public. The Presbytery of Missouri extends over a country nearly 300 miles square, and contains upwards of 120,000 inhabitants, and much of it is still a moral waste. Thousands are crying for the bread of life; and there is reason to believe that many new churches might be formed, if there were a sufficient number of faithful and devoted ministers. The Presbytery of Mississippi too covers a vast extent of country, embracing the two states of Mississippi and Louisiana, the population of which must considerably exceed 200,000 souls. Though covering such a vast extent of country, and embracing so large a population, only eight ministers belong to it, and only four licentiates are under its care. Several towns of importance, which are rapidly increasing in population and wealth, present most interesting stations for missionary labours. Among these, New Orleans deserves to be particularly mentioned, as presenting a field for exertions truly astonishing for magnitude, interest, and difficulty. It contains 46,000 inhabitants, and is annually growing in resources of all kinds. The short ministry of Mr. Larned

we have reason to believe was very useful, and while we affectionately sympathize with the congregation in that city, on the loss of their late esteemed pastor, we offer our prayers to God, that he would speedily bestow on them another faithful pastor to supply his place. The Presbytery of Georgia, which extends over more than half the state of Georgia, and consists of but eight ministers, and the Presbytery of Concord, contain within their bounds extensive tracts of country where the ordinances and institutions of religion are hardly known.

In most of these destitute parts of our country, pernicious errors are assiduously and successfully propagated; and in all of them gross immoralities abound. Removed from the benign influences of the gospel of Jesus, without its powerful restraints, destitute of Sabbaths and sanctuaries, unchecked by the solemn admonitions, and uncheered by the glorious hopes of the gospel, multitudes there live in sin, and die in impenitence. Seldom does the herald of salvation raise his inviting voice among them, and seldom do the sounds of prayer and praise ascend as grateful offerings to heaven. And these are our brethren, bone of our bones, and flesh of our flesh; many of their fathers worshipped with our fathers in the same sanctuary, and with many of them we have gone up to the house of God. Surely their claims upon our Christian liberality are peculiarly strong, and we cannot suffer their earnest requests, that we would send them the word of life, to be refused.

It is truly gratifying to learn, that a very earnest desire is felt, and a laudable zeal shown, to obtain the gospel ministry in these destitute parts of our land. Many of the followers of Jesus offer up to him their fervent prayers, that he would send among them faithful labourers; and Sabbath day schools, and Missionary, and Education societies, have been in some places established. In some instances, the destitute congregations persevere in maintaining public worship; and there is an increasing attention to the means of grace. We have heard, too, with pleasure, that in many of these destitute parts of our land, ministers have frequently gone forth in company, two or three at a time, and preached, and visited, and God has greatly blessed their labours.

But we turn to contemplate more pleasing subjects. It cannot but be gratifying to the friends of the Redeemer's kingdom, to learn that with few exceptions, the statements which we have received from the different Presbyteries, represent the interests of religion to be on the increase.

Infidelity is scarcely anywhere openly professed. The churches are generally walking in peace. There is generally an increased attention to the public ordinances of worship; and many new congregations have been organized, and new churches erected throughout our country. Several of these have been built in regions, where but a short time since was nothing but a waste wilderness, uninhabited by civilized man.

The monthly concert for prayer is generally observed. Bible classes and the catechetical instruction of youth, are still continued with the most beneficial effects. Baptized children with their parents, have in many instances been convened, and reminded of the solemn obligations imposed upon them, by the baptismal covenant. Praying societies are very generally established. Sabbath-day schools are numerous and flourishing, and thousands of youth who probably would otherwise have grown up ignorant and vicious, have, by means of these institutions, been instructed, and fitted to make useful members of society.

Liberal patronage has generally been extended to the various benevolent and pious institutions, which are established within our bounds, and many Missionary, and Education, and Bible Societies are flourishing. It has given the Assembly unfeigned joy, to hear of the very flourishing condition, and the increasing prosperity of the American Bible Society. During the past year a considerable addition has been made, both to its funds, and to the number of auxiliary societies connected with it. We offer our fervent prayers that the

blessing of the God of heaven may rest upon it. Several societies for the education of poor and pious youth, who have the gospel ministry in view, have been established during the past year; and the churches appear in some degree to be awaking to a sense of the importance of this subject.

It is with pleasure that we notice the formation of several Missionary Associations of young men. The Young Men's Missionary Society at Richmond is entitled to particular notice. During the last year they have employed eight missionaries, and have expended in their support about one thousand dollars.

The students in the University of North Carolina, who are members of the Dialectic Society, have generously engaged to contribute $250, payable in five years, towards endowing a professorship in the Theological Seminary at Princeton. It deserves also to be mentioned, that several children in the Island of Ceylon and in other places, are clothed, and fed, and instructed by the contributions of pious females residing within our bounds.

From the report of the board of Missions, the Assembly are gratified to learn, that the missionary concerns of our church appear to be crowned with the blessing of God. The number of missionaries is increasing, though by no means sufficiently to meet the growing demands of a rapidly increasing population. Our Seminary at Princeton is yearly furnishing valuable missionaries, whose labours are received with gratitude, and accompanied with a blessing. Under these circumstances it is hoped that the churches will not fail to take up annual contributions for the missionary fund, to the application of which the Presbyterian interest is so much indebted.

It is also gratifying to learn that God still blesses with the influence of his Spirit several of our colleges. Hamilton College has about 100 students, a majority of whom are pious. Union College has about 240 students, and of these about 70 are hopefully pious.

But we have not only to rejoice in the general increase of the interests of religion; there are also special reasons for thankfulness. On many of our congregations, God has been pleased to pour out his Spirit, and to grant them times of revival and refreshing. The congregations of West Bloomfield, Lima, Avon, Groveland, Nunda, Richmond, Livonia, and especially Mount Morris, in the Presbytery of Ontario—of Phelps, Lyons, and Junius 2d, in the Presbytery of Geneva—of Otisco, Onondaga, 1st and 2d, Pompey 2d and 3d, and Camillus in the Presbytery of Onondaga—of Winfield, Whitesborough, Mexico and New Haven, in the Presbytery of Oneida—of Cooperstown and Springfield, in the Presbytery of Otsego, while in Cherry Valley there has been a constant ingathering of the fruits of the late revival—of Sacketts Harbour, Watertown, 1st and 2d society in Adams, Lorrain, and Rodman in the Presbytery of St. Lawrence, have been visited with the special influences of the Holy Spirit. At the military post at Sacketts Harbour, several of the private soldiery have been subjects of the work. In the Presbytery of Champlain, revivals have been experienced in the congregations of Plattsburg, Chazy, Champlain and Constable, and also in the congregation of Windham, in the Presbytery of Londonderry. Though the late powerful revivals do not continue in the Presbytery of Albany, yet their precious fruits remain. With very few exceptions the subjects of these revivals continue steadfast in the faith, and attentive to the duties of religion.

In the Presbytery of Troy, the congregation of North Pittstown; in the Presbytery of North River, the congregation of Smithfield; and in the Presbytery of Long Island, the congregations of Union Parish, Sagharbour, Easthampton, Bridgehampton and Southampton have also been blessed with revivals.

In the Presbytery of New York, the blessings of divine grace have extended to many congregations, and seem to be extending to others. The congregations

of the Brick Church, the Orange street Church, the Spring street Church, and the Church at Corlaer's Hook, have largely partaken of the blessed influences of the Holy Spirit.

In the congregations of Ramapo, Roxbury, Chatham, and Morristown in the Presbytery of Jersey, and Gibson and Silver Lake in the Presbytery of Susquehanna, the Lord is making glorious displays of the power of his grace; while in the last Presbytery, Westmoreland, Wilkesbarre, Wyalusing, Kingston, Bridgewater, and Great Bend have been favoured with less powerful, but very encouraging operations of divine grace.

Several of the Presbyteries in the Synod of Pittsburgh, have been engaged in special efforts for the revival of religion, and in several of the congregations of the Presbytery of Redstone, and some others, considerable religious excitements have prevailed, and very encouraging additions have been made to the churches.

In the Presbytery of Philadelphia, a revival has been mercifully granted to the congregation of the first Presbyterian church, in the Northern Liberties, and revivals have also been experienced in the congregations of St. Georges, Charlestown and New Castle, and especially in the second church of Wilmington, in the Presbytery of New Castle.

A number of the congregations in the Presbytery of Portage, among which, Talmadge, Windham, and Brownhelm are particularly named; and the first Presbyterian church of Richmond, in the Presbytery of Hanover, have also shared in the blessings of these revivals.

In the Presbytery of Abingdon, though there has been no special revival, yet there have been, within the last year, larger additions than usual to the communion of the church, especially in the united congregations of Mount Bethel and Providence.

The congregations of Eno and Little River, the church of Cross Roads, of Buffaloe, and Allemance, of Oxford, and other churches of Granville county, and of Hillsborough in the Presbytery of Orange, of Buffaloe in the Presbytery of Fayetteville; of Bethany, Back Creek, and Unity, in the Presbytery of Concord, have also been blessed with the reviving influences of the Holy Spirit. In the congregations of the last named Presbytery, it is believed, that nearly two hundred persons have experienced the renewing influences of the Spirit of God, and a large proportion of these are the children of pious parents, a number of whom are training up for the ministry of the gospel.

The same benign effects which have attended past revivals have attended these. Professing Christians have been awakened to zeal and devotedness to the cause of Christ. And though the operations of the Holy Spirit, on the minds of sinners, have been diversified, yet generally they have felt deep and pungent convictions of sin, accompanied with a sense of their undone condition as transgressors of the divine law, and a discovery that salvation can be found only in Christ. Deep silence has prevailed in the religious assemblies.

This blessed work has been confined to no particular age or sex, or class of society. Blooming youth and hoary age; the child seven years old, and the sinner weighed down with the sins of threescore years and ten, the infidel, the profane, and the mere moralist, have all been brought to a sense of their lost condition; have been made to bow to the sceptre of the Prince of life; have sought salvation from his hands, as his free gift, and we trust have found deliverance to their souls, through his peace-speaking blood.

Among the means which God, in his sovereign good pleasure, has blessed, to the producing of these blessed effects, special prayer, on the part of his people, deserves first to be mentioned. In many congregations, particular days have been set apart for fasting and prayer. Concerts for prayer have been held by

private Christians, and they have frequently met in religious societies at the rising of the sun.

Pastoral visitation from house to house, and also visitations by private Christians, with personal conversation on the concerns of eternity, have been greatly blessed.

In the preaching of the word, the spirituality of God's law, and its tremendous curse denounced on sin, have been explained and pressed on the consciences of sinners; they have been warned of their inability to work out a justifying righteousness of their own, and have been solemnly exhorted to immediate repentance and faith in Christ.

The fruits of these revivals have been exhibited in the moral reformation produced in the lives of those who have been their subjects; and in an increase of the spirit of prayer, and of liberality, in the support of the gospel.

From the General Association of Connecticut, we learn that the churches in that state, are not only gathering the fruits of the late extensive revivals, but that the Lord is mercifully extending his work of grace to many other congregations. A large proportion of the members of the mission school at Cornwall, give good evidence of piety, and the establishment answers the most sanguine expectations of its founders and friends. Arrangements are making for the extension of the Theological department of Yale College, with hopeful prospects of success.

From the General Association of Massachusetts, we learn that there is much reason for thankfulness on account of the manifestations of the divine presence and blessing. There have been, in that part of our country, great revivals of religion in the county of Berkshire. More than 300 young men have been assisted in obtaining an education, by the American Education Society, since its commencement. A missionary spirit is much increased, and in Plymouth and Norfolk counties, a Palestine Missionary Society is established, which supports a missionary to the Holy Land. The Andover Institution still flourishes, and contains 132 students.

From the General Convention of Vermont, we learn that the interests of the Redeemer's kingdom are greatly on the increase in that state. It is true, the want of faithful pastors is felt. Of 171 churches connected with the Convention, nearly half are vacant. Still the cause of religion is advancing. Through the past year there have been great and powerful revivals in 50 towns, in each of which from 15 to 200 persons have been received into the churches. These revivals still continue in many places. It is supposed that about 2500 persons have joined the churches during the past year. In Middlebury College there has been a revival among the students, and two-thirds of their number are hopefully pious. The spirit of missions is increasing in the state. Education societies are also formed, and one of these societies, in two years, afforded assistance to 40 young men.

We have heard with pleasure of the exertions which are made in many of our cities, to promote the spiritual welfare of seamen, and of the success which has attended these exertions. Places of worship for mariners are opened in several of our sea-port towns, and both mariners themselves and their families have received great benefit from attending the public ordinances of the gospel. The Assembly recommends to the ministers and members of our churches to encourage and promote these useful institutions.

The Theological Seminary at Princeton continues to enjoy the smiles of the great Head of the church. A missionary spirit is diffused among the students, and a few have already devoted themselves to the labours and privations of a foreign mission. The churches are already enjoying the fruits of this most important institution. The Theological Seminary at Auburn, under the care of the Synod of Geneva, is flourishing; and efforts are also making, with en-

couraging prospects, to establish Theological Seminaries in other parts of our country.

The Assembly sincerely congratulate the churches under its care, on the recent union which has been completed between the Presbyterian and the Associate Reformed Churches. We cannot but cherish the hope that this union will be productive of the most beneficial effects, and that the great Head of the church will bless it to the promotion of the interests of his kingdom.

On the whole, the review of the past year is calculated to awaken the most lively sensations of gratitude to the great Head of the church, for the blessings which he has bestowed upon it, and to excite us to more zeal and devotedness in his service. We rejoice in the spread of his gospel. *He shall have dominion from sea to sea, and from the river unto the ends of the earth.* Reviewing his mercies to his church in our land, we are constrained to offer to him our devout praises. *Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel, who only doeth wondrous things, and blessed be his glorious name for ever; and let the whole earth be filled with his glory.*—AMEN AND AMEN.

GENERAL SUMMARY FOR 1822.

Presbyteries.	*Ministers.*	*Churches.*	*Communicants.*	*Licentiates.*	*Candidates.*
SYNOD OF OHIO.					
Lancaster,	8	22	778	1	2
Richland,	7	22	607	—	—
Miami,	9	22	922	—	—
Chillicothe,	11	23	1561	—	4
Columbus,	8	16	No report.	—	—
Cincinnati,	12	21	No report.	1	—
SYNOD OF NEW YORK AND NEW JERSEY.					
Long Island,	12	16	1111	3	3
Hudson,	15	22	2338	1	6
North River,	14	20	1556	1	5
New York,	19	19	3172	3	5
Jersey,	31	34	5865	8	8
New Brunswick,	21	16	1540	13	11
Newton,	17	29	1816	3	2
Susquehanna,	10	26	No report.	—	3
SYNOD OF TENNESSEE.					
Union,	10	23	896	6	2
West Tennessee,	13	17	661	1	1
Shiloh,	6	17	425	1	1
Mississippi,	9	10	244	4	—
Missouri,	9	15	318	—	—
SYNOD OF GENEVA.					
Geneva,	19	22	2106	—	3
Bath,	6	16	612	—	—
Cayuga,	26	32	2474	4	2
Onondaga,	19	34	2893	—	1
SYNOD OF ALBANY.					
Albany,	18	26	3032	6	20
Troy,	12	20	1242	3	3
Oneida,	28	32	2929	3	1
Columbia,	8	7	436	2	4
Champlain,	7	7	393	1	1
St. Lawrence,	14	13	1061	—	2
Otsego,	9	4	799	5	4
Londonderry,	24	13	1174	—	—
Ogdensburg,	6	11	448	—	—
SYNOD OF NORTH CAROLINA.					
Orange,	14	21	710	4	5
Concord,	20	61	4191	4	6
Fayetteville,	13	36	1308	1	—

Presbyteries.	*Ministers.*	*Churches.*	*Communicants.*	*Licentiates.*	*Candidates.*
		Synod of Genessee.			
Niagara,	6	26	511	1	1
Genessee,	8	19	428	—	—
Rochester,	14	17	612	3	—
Ontario,	14	13	578	1	2
		Synod of Pittsburgh.			
Redstone,	23	45	2102	1	—
Ohio,	12	18	1259	4	—
Hartford,	10	24	1343	—	—
Erie,	7	29	427	—	—
Grand River,	13	29	1021	1	2
Portage,	10	36	979	—	—
Washington,	11	22	1384	—	—
Steubenville,	8	18	384	1	—
Allegheny,	8	21	717	—	—
		Synod of South Carolina and Georgia.			
South Carolina,	15	25	1200	2	3
Georgia,	8	7	740	1	1
Harmony,	14	18	456	1	1
		Synod of Philadelphia.		...	
Philadelphia,	28	35	3960	3	14
New Castle,	27	51	2172	3	3
Carlisle,	20	34	3950	2	4
Huntingdon,	12	30	2071	—	—
Baltimore,	15	12	1028	4	1
		Synod of Kentucky.			
Transylvania,	9	17	803	1	1
West Lexington,	8	15	606	—	—
Muhlenberg,	5	22	422	—	—
Louisville,	11	31	528	—	1
Ebenezer,	8	14	664	2	2
		Synod of Virginia.			
Winchester,	12	16	861	1	—
Lexington,	15	32	1032	—	—
Hanover,	15	21	1106	9	4
Abingdon,	9	18	362	1	1

1823.

Philadelphia, May 15, 1823.

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America met, agreeably to appointment, in the Seventh Presbyterian Church in the city of Philadelphia, May 15th, 1823, at 11 o'clock, A. M., and was opened by the Rev. Obadiah Jennings, the Moderator of the last Assembly, with a sermon from Hag. i. 7 and 8. "Thus saith the Lord of Hosts, Consider your ways. Go up to the mountain and bring wood and build the house; and I will take pleasure in it, and I will be glorified, saith the Lord."

After prayer the commissions were read, and it appeared that the following Ministers and Elders were duly appointed, and attended as commissioners to this Assembly, viz:

Presbytery of Niagara—*Minister*—Rev. David M. Smith. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of Genessee—*Minister*—None.- *Elder*—Mr. Daniel Rumsey.

Presbytery of Rochester—*Minister*—Rev. Chauncey Cook. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of Ontario—*Minister*—Rev. Julius Steele. *Elder*—Mr. Timothy Buel.

PRESBYTERY OF GENEVA—*Ministers*—Rev. Henry Axtell, Samuel W. Brace. *Elder*—Mr. Seth M. Maltby.

PRESBYTERY OF BATH—*Minister*—Rev. James H. Hotchkin. *Elder*—Mr. Elam Bridges.

PRESBYTERY OF CAYUGA—*Minister*—Rev. Urban Palmer. *Elder*—Mr. Luke Taylor.

PRESBYTERY OF ONEIDA—*Ministers*—Rev. Samuel C. Aikin, Oliver Wetmore, John Waters. *Elders*—Mr. Ammi Doubleday, John Bradish, Lucas Younglove.

PRESBYTERY OF ONONDAGA—*Ministers*—Rev. John Keep, William J. Wilcocks. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF OTSEGO—*Minister*—Rev. Charles Fitch. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF ST. LAWRENCE—*Minister*—Rev. Enos Bliss. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF OGDENSBURGH—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—Mr. John Fine.

PRESBYTERY OF CHAMPLAIN—*Minister*—Rev. Ashbel Parmelee. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF LONDONDERRY—*Ministers*—Rev. Samuel P. Williams, John M. Whiton. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF ALBANY—*Ministers*—Rev. John Chester, D. D., Reuben Smith, Isaac W. Platt. *Elder*—Mr. Alexander Kelley.

PRESBYTERY OF TROY—*Ministers*—Rev. Samuel Blatchford, D. D., Ravaud K. Rodgers. *Elders*—Mr. James Wallace, William Hedges.

PRESBYTERY OF COLUMBIA—*Minister*—Rev. Joel T. Benedict. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF NORTH RIVER—*Ministers*—Rev. John Johnson, Robert G. Armstrong. *Elder*—Mr. Abel Belknap.

PRESBYTERY OF HUDSON—*Minister*—Rev. Methuselah Baldwin. *Elder*—Mr. Henry Miller.

PRESBYTERY OF LONG ISLAND—*Ministers*—Rev. Nathaniel Reeve, Ebenezer Phillips. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF NEW YORK—*Ministers*—Rev. William Patton, Robert M'Cartee, Philip M. Whelpley. *Elder*—Mr. George Nixon.

PRESBYTERY OF NEW YORK, (2d.)—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF JERSEY—*Ministers*—Rev. Asa Hillyer, D. D., James Richards, D. D., Samuel Fisher, Alexander G. Frazer. *Elders*—Mr. Obadiah Meeker, William Tuttle, David D. Crane.

PRESBYTERY OF NEWTON—*Ministers*—Rev. William C. Brownlee, John Gray. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF NEW BRUNSWICK—*Ministers*—Rev. Eli F. Cooley, Charles Hodge, John Boggs. *Elder*—Mr. James Ewing.

PRESBYTERY OF SUSQUEHANNA—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—Mr. Joseph H. Jones.

PRESBYTERY OF PHILADELPHIA—*Ministers*—Rev. William Latta, Jacob J. Janeway, D. D., Ezra S. Ely, D. D. *Elders*—Mr. Reading Beatty, William Nassau, John Morrison.

PRESBYTERY OF PHILADELPHIA, (2d.)—*Minister*—Rev. Ebenezer Dickey. *Elder*—Joseph Cushing.

PRESBYTERY OF NEW CASTLE—*Ministers*—Rev. Nathaniel W. Sample, Amzi Babbit, William Ashmead. *Elders*—Mr. Amos Slaymaker, John Whiteside.

PRESBYTERY OF BALTIMORE—*Ministers*—Rev. Stephen B. Balch, D. D., Reuben Post. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF CARLISLE—*Ministers*—Rev. Robert Cathcart, D. D., Henry R. Wilson, David Elliott. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF HUNTINGDON—*Ministers*—Rev. John Coulter, James Thomson. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF NORTHUMBERLAND—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.
PRESBYTERY OF REDSTONE—*Minister*—William Johnston. *Elder*—None.
PRESBYTERY OF OHIO—*Minister*—William Jeffery. *Elder*—None.
PRESBYTERY OF WASHINGTON, Pa.—*Minister*—James Harvey. *Elder*—None.
PRESBYTERY OF STEUBENVILLE—*Ministers*—Rev. Joseph Anderson, Obadiah Jennings. *Elder*—None.
PRESBYTERY OF ERIE—*Minister*—Rev. Timothy Alden. *Elder*—None.
PRESBYTERY OF ALLEGHENY—*Minister*—Rev. Reid Bracken. *Elder*—None.
PRESBYTERY OF HARTFORD—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.
PRESBYTERY OF GRAND RIVER—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.
PRESBYTERY OF PORTAGE—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.
PRESBYTERY OF WINCHESTER—*Minister*—Rev. John Matthews. *Elder*—None.
PRESBYTERY OF LEXINGTON—*Ministers*—Rev. Samuel Houston, John D. Ewing. *Elder*—None.
PRESBYTERY OF HANOVER—*Minister*—Rev. John D. Paxton. *Elder*—Mr. Nathaniel Penick.
PRESBYTERY OF ABINGDON—*Minister*—Rev. Robert Glenn. *Elder*—None.
PRESBYTERY OF WEST LEXINGTON—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.
PRESBYTERY OF EBENEZER—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.
PRESBYTERY OF TRANSYLVANIA—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.
PRESBYTERY OF MUHLENBERG—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.
PRESBYTERY OF LOUISVILLE—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.
PRESBYTERY OF LANCASTER—*Minister*—Rev. Thomas B. Clarke. *Elder*—None.
PRESBYTERY OF ATHENS—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.
PRESBYTERY OF CHILLICOTHE—*Minister*—Rev. James H. Dickey. *Elder*—None.
PRESBYTERY OF COLUMBUS—*Minister*—Rev. William Burton. *Elder*—None.
PRESBYTERY OF MIAMI—*Minister*—Rev. James Coe. *Elder*—None.
PRESBYTERY OF RICHLAND—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.
PRESBYTERY OF UNION—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.
PRESBYTERY OF WEST TENNESSEE—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.
PRESBYTERY OF SHILOH—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.
PRESBYTERY OF MISSISSIPPI—*Minister*—Hiland Hulburd. *Elder*—None.
PRESBYTERY OF MISSOURI—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.
PRESBYTERY OF ORANGE—*Minister*—Joseph Caldwell, D. D. *Elder*—None.
PRESBYTERY OF FAYETTEVILLE—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.
PRESBYTERY OF CONCORD—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.
PRESBYTERY OF ALABAMA—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.
PRESBYTERY OF HARMONY—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.
PRESBYTERY OF GEORGIA—*Minister*—Horace S. Pratt. *Elder*—None.
PRESBYTERY OF SOUTH CAROLINA—*Minister*—Richard B. Cater. *Elder*—None.
PRESBYTERY OF HOPEWELL—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.
PRESBYTERY OF CINCINNATI—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.
GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF CONNECTICUT—Rev. Elijah Waterman, Rev. Daniel Dow.
GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF NEW HAMPSHIRE—Rev. David Sutherland.
GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF MASSACHUSETTS—Rev. John Woodbridge.
CONVENTION OF VERMONT—Rev. Otto S. Hoyt.

The Rev. John M'Farland, of the Presbytery of Ebenezer, Dr. Cyrus Baldwin, ruling elder from the Presbytery of Onondaga, and Mr. Samuel Blood, ruling elder from the Presbytery of Carlisle, appeared in the Assembly without commissions; but sufficient testimony was given that they had been chosen commissioners to this Assembly, and they were received as members, and took their seats accordingly.

The Assembly proceeded to elect a Moderator and Temporary Clerk; and the Rev. John Chester, D. D., was chosen Moderator, and the Rev. Robert Cathcart, D. D., was chosen Temporary Clerk.

The minutes of the last Assembly were read in part.

Dr. Hillyer, the Rev. Messrs. Platt, Glenn, William Latta, Cater, and Post, ministers, and Messrs. Kelley, Doubleday, and Blood, elders, were appointed a committee of Bills and Overtures, to meet to-morrow morning at 6 o'clock in this church, and afterwards on their own adjournments.

Dr. Blatchford, Mr. Axtell, Dr. Janeway, Messrs. M'Cartee, Van Dyke, and Fine, were appointed a judicial committee.

A free conversation on the state of religion was made the order of the day for Monday next.

Resolved, That the General Assembly, and such persons as may choose to unite with them, will spend a part of next Wednesday evening in special prayer for the outpouring of the Spirit upon the churches, and in other religious exercises —and Dr. Ely, Messrs. Cooley and Fitch were appointed a committee to make arrangements for the evening, and to designate persons to lead in the exercises.

A communication from the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church, on the subject of a correspondence between the General Assembly and that Synod, was received and committed to Drs. Richards and Janeway, and Mr. John Johnston.

Adjourned to meet in the session room belonging to the First Presbyterian church in this city, to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

May 16, 9 *o'clock, A. M.*

The Assembly met in the session room belonging to the First Presbyterian church in this city, and was constituted by prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The Rev. James Wright, from the Presbytery of Hartford; the Rev. James Graham, from the Presbytery of Redstone; Rev. W. W. Phillips, from the 2d Presbytery of New York; Rev. Randolph Stone, from the Presbytery of Grand River; Rev. Ebenezer Leavenworth, from the Presbytery of Onondaga; Rev. John Blair Hoge, from the Presbytery of Hanover; Mr. Elias B. Caldwell, ruling elder from the Presbytery of Baltimore; and Mr. William Wilson, ruling elder from the 2d Presbytery of New York, appeared in the Assembly, and their commissions being read, they took their seats as members.

The reading of the minutes of the last Assembly was resumed and finished.

The stated Clerk reported, that agreeably to order he had procured the binding of 200 copies of the 4th volume of printed Extracts, with a copious index, prepared by Rev. Colin M'Iver.

Resolved, That one copy of this volume be presented to each of the Synods, and that the remaining copies of it, and also of the 2d and 3d volumes, be offered for sale at seventy-five cents per copy.

Notice was given by Dr. Ely of the following appeals, viz. an appeal by Rev. Thomas B. Craighead from a decision of the Synod of Kentucky, an appeal by Rev. Andrew Gwinn from a decision of the Synod of Pittsburgh, an appeal by Mr. Newton Hawes from a decision of the Synod of Genessee.

Dr. Ely resigned his seat to Rev. John F. Grier, the principal mentioned in their commission, and Mr. Grier took his seat as a member.

Notice was given of an appeal or complaint signed by Dr. Cathcart and others, members of the Presbytery of Carlisle, against a decision of the Synod of Philadelphia.

Two hundred copies of the Extracts from the minutes of the General Association of Massachusetts were received, and it was agreed that a copy be given to each member of the Assembly.

Receiving reports from the several Presbyteries on the subject of educating poor and pious youth, was made the order of the day for this afternoon.

Receiving Synodical and Presbyterial reports, was made the order of the day for Tuesday afternoon.

Resolved, That three members of the Board of Missions, regularly convened, be a quorum.

Resolved, That Messrs. Aikin, Rodgers and Maltby, be a committee to examine the records of the Synod of Genessee.

That Messrs. Wetmore, Parmelee and Van Dyke, be a committee to examine the records of the Synod of Geneva.

That Messrs. Whelpley, William Latta and Cushing, be a committee to examine the records of the Synod of Albany.

That Messrs. Williams, Dr. Janeway and Nassau, be a committee to examine the records of the Synod of New York and New Jersey.

That Dr. Caldwell, Messrs. Axtell and Crane, be a committee to examine the records of the Synod of Philadelphia.

That Messrs. Grier, Waterman and Beatty, be a committee to examine the records of the Synod of Virginia.

That Messrs. Wilson, Woodbridge and Morrison, be a committee to examine the records of the Synod of Pittsburgh.

That Messrs. Post, Elliot and Caldwell, be a committee to examine the records of the Synod of Kentucky.

That Messrs. Cooley, Dow and Blood, be a committee to examine the records of the Synod of Ohio.

That Dr. Balch, Messrs. Patton and Slaymaker, be a committee to examine the records of the Synod of Tennessee.

That Messrs. Fisher, Hotchkin and Taylor, be a committee to examine the records of the Synod of North Carolina.

That Messrs. Alden, Jeffery and Tuttle, be a committee to examine the records of the Synod of South Carolina and Georgia.

An overture containing extracts from the minutes of the Synod of New York and New Jersey, requesting a division of the Synod, was submitted to the Assembly, and being read, the request was granted, and Dr. Richards, Dr. Hillyer, and Mr. John Johnston, were appointed a committee to make arrangements for the organization of the Synods contemplated by the overture.

Messrs. Armstrong and Fine were appointed a committee to receive from the commissioners to the Assembly, an account of the miles travelled by them severally, and to make an apportionment of the commissioners' fund, agreeably to a standing rule on the subject.

Resolved, That the commissioners give an account of their mileage, according to the distance by the nearest and most direct road.

The judicial committee reported a paper, signed by Dr. Cathcart and others, members of the Presbytery of Carlisle, purporting to be an appeal or complaint relative to a decision of the Synod of Philadelphia. The committee gave it as their opinion, that the subject could not be taken up on the ground of an appeal, because these persons were not one of the original parties; but that it might be taken up in the character of a complaint. *Resolved*, That the consideration of this complaint be the order of the day for next Tuesday morning.

A nomination was made of persons to be chosen delegates to the several ecclesiastical bodies connected with this Assembly, and the election was made the order of the day for this afternoon.

The following overture was laid before the Assembly, viz. "The commissioner from the Presbytery of Georgia, at the request of the Presbytery, respectfully inquires of the General Assembly, whence they derive the authority to empower the Moderator of a church session to administer an oath." This overture was committed to Mr. Fisher, Dr. Balch and Mr. John Johnston.

A petition of Hezekiah May, respecting a claim to land belonging to the estate of the late Elias Boudinot, was overtured, and being read, was referred to the trustees of the General Assembly, and the trustees were directed to determine the case according to the principles of justice and equity.

A petition from the Synod of South Carolina and Georgia, requesting that the Presbytery of Alabama should be put under their care, instead of being attached to the Synod of Tennessee, was overtured, and being read, was committed to Drs. Richards and Cathcart, and Messrs. Reuben Smith, Keep and Hodge.

The committee appointed to endeavour to furnish the Assembly and individuals with copies of the first volume of the printed extracts, reported that they have found that it will be impracticable to do it on the terms specified in their appointment; but that, if the Assembly will grant them the permission to use the extracts published, they will attempt to have the extracts of the years in which there is a deficiency, reprinted at the expense of individuals, who may wish copies of the said volume.

Adjourned till 4 o'clock, P. M. Concluded with prayer.

4 *o'clock, P. M.*

The Assembly met, and was constituted by prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The Rev. Andrew Eliot, from the General Association of Connecticut; Rev. Oliver Cobb, from the General Association of Massachusetts; Rev. William Hanford, from the Presbytery of Portage; and Mr. Nicholas Van Dyke, ruling elder from the Presbytery of New Castle, appeared in the Assembly, and their commissions being read, they took their seats as members.

It being the order of the day for this afternoon, the election was held for delegates to attend the several ecclesiastical bodies connected with this Assembly. The ballots were taken, and committed to Messrs. Rodgers, Post, Glenn, Whelpley, Cater and Dr. Caldwell.

This committee reported, and their report being read, the following persons were declared duly chosen, viz.

Rev. David M. Smith, Rev. William Hanford, and Rev. Samuel W. Brace, to attend the next meeting of the General Association of Connecticut.

Rev. David M. Smith and Rev. William Hanford to attend the next meeting of the General Association of Massachusetts, and Rev. Samuel W. Brace was appointed an alternate to either of these delegates who may fail to attend.

Rev. William Patton to attend the next meeting of the General Convention of Vermont, and of the General Association of New Hampshire, and Rev. Hiland Hulburd was appointed his alternate.

It being the order of the day for this afternoon, reports from the Presbyteries on the subject of educating poor and pious youth for the gospel ministry were called for, and Messrs. Cooley and M'Cartee were appointed a committee to prepare a statement, exhibiting a view of the reports received, and the decisions made by the Assembly upon them severally.

Thirty-six copies of the extracts of the minutes of the General Association of Connecticut were received, and it was agreed that a copy should be given to each of the Presbyteries represented in this Assembly.

The following communication from the General Association of Massachusetts, was received and read, viz:

Springfield, June 28, 1822.

Reverend and Dear Sir—I discharge a duty assigned me, in transmitting to you the following vote of the General Association of Massachusetts, which was passed by them during their session in this town, the present week.

"The Rev. Dr. Rice, having presented the Association, in behalf of the General Assembly, a revised edition of the constitution of that church—*Voted*, That while we most sincerely reciprocate the feelings of Christian affection expressed by Dr. Rice, in presenting the constitution of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, the cordial thanks of this Association be presented to that body for this token of their regard, and that the Secretary communicate this vote to the stated clerk of the Assembly.

With respectful consideration,

Rev. W. Neill, D. D. Enoch Hale,
Stated Clerk of the Gen. Assem. Secretary of the Mass. Gen. Asso."

Adjourned till 9 o'clock to-morrow morning. Concluded with prayer.

May 17, 9 *o'clock, A. M.*

The Assembly met, and was constituted by prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

Rev. James Kemper, from the Presbytery of Cincinnati, and Rev. Wells Andrews, from the Presbytery of Winchester, appeared in the Assembly, and their commissions being read, they took their seats as members.

Resolved, That Dr. Janeway be authorized, and he is hereby authorized, to procure the binding of a number of copies of the 2d and 3d volumes of the Printed Extracts, and also copies of Missionary Sermons remaining in his hands, and endeavour to have them sold at a cheap rate, for the benefit of the Missionary Fund.

One hundred and fifteen copies of the Extracts of the Minutes of the General Association of New Hampshire, and 90 copies of the Extracts of the Minutes of the General Convention of Vermont, were received, and it was agreed that they be distributed among the members of the Assembly.

The Committee, to which was referred the petition of the Synod of New York and New Jersey reported, and their report being read, was adopted, and is as follows, viz:

Resolved, That agreeably to the petition of said Synod, the Presbyteries of New York, Long Island, Hudson, North River, and 2d Presbytery of New York, be constituted, and they are hereby constituted a Synod, to be called the Synod of New York; that they hold their first meeting on the 3d Tuesday of October next, at 10 o'clock, A. M., in the First Presbyterian church in the city of New York, and afterwards on their own adjournments, that Dr. Rowan, or in case of his absence, the senior minister present, open the meeting with a sermon, and preside till a new Moderator is chosen.

That the Presbyteries of Jersey, New Brunswick, Newton and Susquehanna be constituted, and they are hereby constituted a Synod, to be called the Synod of New Jersey, that they hold their first meeting on the third Tuesday of October next, at 10 o'clock, A. M., in the First Presbyterian Church in Newark, and afterwards on their own adjournments; that Dr. Woodhull, or in case of his absence, the senior minister present, open the meeting with a sermon, and preside till a new Moderator is chosen.

A petition from George Bourne was overtured, and being read, was committed to Messrs. Aikin, Kemper, Woodbridge, Elias B. Caldwell and Van Dyke.

A commissioner from the Presbytery of Huntingdon stated to the Assembly

that the Presbytery had taken under their care Mr. John M'Ilheny, a licentiate from the Presbytery of Letterkenney in Ireland, that he had passed the time of probation, and the parts of trial prescribed by the General Assembly in the case of foreign licentiates and ministers, and that his trials had been sustained by the Presbytery. Mr. M'Ilheny's certificates and collateral testimonials were read, and the Assembly being satisfied, it was resolved that Mr. M'Ilheny be received, and he hereby is received, as a licentiate, in good standing, in connection with the Presbyterian Church of the United States.

Mr. Coulter obtained leave of absence till Monday morning, and Mr. Burton till Tuesday morning.

The following persons were chosen and appointed a Board of Missions for the ensuing year, viz:

Of Philadelphia and its vicinity, the Rev. Drs. Green, Wilson, Alexander, Miller, Janeway, Ely and Neill; the Rev. Messrs. Potts, Skinner, Patterson and Dickey; and Messrs. Robert Smith, Robert Ralston, John Connelly, John M'Mullin and Samuel Bayard.

Of New York and its vicinity, the Rev. Drs. Romeyn and Richards, and Messrs. Lenox, J. R. B. Rodgers, D. Bethune, Z. Lewis, and R. Havens.

Of the Synod of Genessee, the Rev. Dr. E. Fitch.

Of the Synod of Geneva, the Rev. Dr. Perrine.

Of the Synod of Albany, the Rev. Dr. Chester.

Of the Synod of New York and New Jersey, the Rev. Dr. Hillyer.

Of the Synod of Philadelphia, the Rev. Dr. Cathcart.

Of the Synod of Pittsburgh, the Rev. Elisha Macurdy.

Of the Synod of Virginia, the Rev. Dr. Rice.

Of the Synod of Kentucky, the Rev. Dr. Blythe.

Of the Synod of Ohio, the Rev. Dr. R. G. Wilson.

Of the Synod of North Carolina, the Rev. John M. Wilson.

Of the Synod of South Carolina and Georgia, the Rev. Richard B. Cater.

Of the Synod of Tennessee, the Rev. Gideon Blackburn, D. D.

The Judicial committee brought before the Assembly an appeal of Mr. Newton Hawes from a decision of the Synod of Genessee, affirming his suspension from the ordinances of the church, which suspension had been determined by the church of Warsaw. Mr. Hawes not being present, Dr. Janeway and Mr. Phillips were appointed to defend and support his appeal.

The documents in the case were read.

A motion was made and seconded that a new trial be granted, and after the commissioners from the Synod, and the supporters of the appeal had been heard at some length on the subject of this motion, the Assembly

Adjourned till 9 o'clock on Monday morning. Concluded with prayer.

May 19, 9 *o'clock, A. M.*

The Assembly met, and was constituted by prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

A report signed by two members of the committee on psalmody was read, and it was put upon the docket.

It being the order of the day, the Assembly proceeded to receive communications on the state of religion, and Mr. Reuben Smith, Dr. Caldwell, Messrs. Eliot, Hodge, and Hoge, were appointed a committee to prepare a connected narrative of the information that may be received on the subject, and submit it to the Assembly. After considerable progress had been made in receiving communications, it was agreed that the Assembly have a recess till 4 o'clock, P. M.

4 *o'clock, P. M.*

The Assembly met, and the receiving of communications on the state of religion was resumed and finished.

The committee appointed to make arrangements for the concert of prayer to be held on Wednesday evening, reported, and their report was adopted; and it was agreed that the concert of prayer be held in the First Presbyterian church in this city.

The committee to which had been referred the reports of the Presbyteries on the subject of educating poor and pious youth, reported, and their report being read, was recommitted to the same committee.

The committee appointed to examine the records of the Synod of Kentucky reported, and their report being read, was accepted.

The order of the day for to-morrow, viz. hearing the complaint of certain members of the Presbytery of Carlisle against a decision of the Synod of Philadelphia, was postponed, and the hearing of the report of the Board of Missions was made the order of the day for to-morrow morning.

Adjourned till 9 o'clock to-morrow morning. Concluded with prayer.

May 20, 9 *o'clock, A. M.*

The Assembly met, and was constituted by prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

Rev. Horatio J. Lombard, from the Presbytery of Cayuga, and Mr. Samuel Bayard, ruling elder from the Presbytery of New Brunswick, appeared in the Assembly, and their commissions being read, they took their seats as members.

Mr. Hodge resigned his seat to Rev. Samuel Miller, D. D., the principal mentioned in their commission, and Mr. Sample resigned his seat to the Rev. Stephen Boyer, the alternate mentioned in their commission, and Dr. Miller and Mr. Boyer took their seats as members.

Resolved, That the Board of Education be requested to report as early as practicable in the afternoon.

The hearing of the report of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary, was made the order of the day for this afternoon.

The business left unfinished on Saturday, viz., the consideration of the case of Mr. Newton Hawes, and the unfinished business of yesterday, viz., the consideration of the report of the committee appointed to examine the records of the Synod of Kentucky, were postponed.

It being the order of the day for this morning, the Board of Missions reported, and their report was committed to Messrs. Axtell, Fine, Hulburd, Matthews, and Brownlee.

A communication signed by Mrs. Susan V. Bradford and others, executors and trustees of the will of the late Dr. Boudinot, was received, and being read, was committed to Dr. Miller, Messrs. E. B. Caldwell, Post, Pratt, Hoygt, and Van Dyke.

The committee on the subject of a correspondence with the Reformed Dutch Church reported, and their report being read, was referred to a special committee which had been previously appointed.

Resolved, That the Board of Missions be requested to present the thanks of this Assembly to Rev. Philip M. Whelpley for the Missionary sermon, which by the appointment of the Board he had preached last evening.

The committee appointed on the subject of an application from the Synod of South Carolina and Georgia in relation to certain disputed boundaries, reported, and their report being read, was adopted; and is as follows, viz. That the request of said Synod, so far as it relates to the Presbytery of Alabama, viz., that said Presbytery be considered as included within their bounds, is reasonable, and they recommend, that it be granted accordingly. With respect to another suggestion contained in said application, to wit, that the Presbytery of Mississippi, now in connection with the Synod of Tennessee, should be

transferred to the Synod of South Carolina and Georgia, the committee have not felt themselves possessed of sufficient information at present to form a decision. They feel it a duty nevertheless to say, that from representations made to the committee from a member of each of these Synods, they anticipate that the time is not distant, when a new Synod will be regularly formed in this region, including both the Presbyteries in question.

The judicial committee laid before the Assembly the following reference from the Presbytery of Redstone, viz. "A joint request from the Rev. Artemas Loomis and the people of his charge, to be detached from the Presbytery of Redstone, and connected with the Presbytery of Lexington, in the Synod of Virginia. *Resolved*, To refer the above request to the next meeting of the General Assembly.

True copy, signed ROBERT JOHNSTON, *Stated Clerk.*"

Resolved, That the above case, viz., the request of Mr. Loomis and his congregation be referred, and it is hereby referred to the Synod of Pittsburgh, and that the Synod be authorized to comply with the request of Mr. Loomis, if they judge it expedient and proper.

The report of the committee appointed to examine the records of the Synod of Kentucky, being amended, was adopted, and is as follows, viz. That the book be approved to page 50, with the exception of the following items, viz. In page 35 it is resolved, that Synod now proceed to the consideration of a reference from the Presbytery of Ebenezer; and without proceeding to it according to the resolution, they engaged immediately in other business, after the transaction of which, they say, page 36, Synod *resumed* the consideration of the reference, although they had never entered on the consideration.

Your committee observe moreover in pages 42 and 43, the record of a meeting of Synod, which meeting was convened pursuant to a call of the Moderator, without a specification of the object for which they were convened.

The following report of the judicial committee in the case of the complaint of members of the Carlisle Presbytery against the decision of the Synod of Philadelphia was received, which, being read, was adopted.

Resolved, 1. That no discussion ought to be allowed which may involve the character of Mr. M'Dowell, in his absence.

2. That the complaint ought to be considered by the Assembly, only so far as it regards the *regularity* of the proceedings of the Synod in reversing the judgment of Presbytery in the case. Ordered that the above report go on the docket.

The consideration of the motion for a new trial in the case of Newton Hawes was resumed, and the counsel for the appellant were heard in support of the motion.

Adjourned till 4 o'clock, P. M. Concluded with prayer.

4 o'clock, P. M.

The Assembly met, and was constituted by prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

Mr. Zechariah Lewis, ruling elder from the Presbytery of New York, appeared in the Assembly, and his commission being read, he took his seat as a member.

Mr. Gray resigned his seat to Rev. Jacob Kirkpatrick, the principal mentioned in their commission, and Mr. Kirkpatrick took his seat as a member.

It being the order of the day, the Synodical and Presbyterial reports were received, and committed to Messrs. Hoge and Babbit, to examine them accurately, and read to the Assembly those parts of them, which they may think

necessary to be read for the information of the Assembly, and also to prepare a statement to be transcribed into the compendious view.

It being the order of the day for this afternoon, the report of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary, together with an act incorporating trustees of the Theological Seminary, was read and committed to Messrs. Jennings, David Elliott, Paxton, Fine and Bayard.

A nomination was made of persons to fill up the vacancies in the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary, and the election was made the order of the day for to-morrow morning.

A deputation from the Associate Reformed Synod of New York, appeared in the Assembly, and it being announced that they had a communication from the Synod to this Assembly, it was resolved, that the receiving of their communication be the order of the day for to-morrow morning.

Adjourned till 9 o'clock to-morrow morning. Concluded with prayer.

May 21, 9 *o'clock, A. M.*

The Assembly met, and was constituted by prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

Mr. Grier resigned his seat to Dr. Ely, the alternate mentioned in their commission, and Dr. Ely took his seat as a member.

The committee appointed to examine the records of the Synod of Geneva, reported, and the book was approved to page 373.

The committee appointed to examine the records of the Synod of Ohio, reported that the records had not been forwarded, and the committee was discharged.

The committee appointed to examine the records of the Synod of Virginia, reported, and the book was approved to page 376.

The committee to which had been referred the report of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary reported, and their report being read, was put on the docket.

It being the order of the day for this morning, the election to fill up the vacancies in the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary was held. The ballots were taken, and committed to Messrs. Rodgers, Hotchkin and Benedict to count the votes and report to the Assembly.

This committee reported, and their report being read, the following persons were declared duly chosen Directors of the Theological Seminary for three years, viz., Rev. Dr. Samuel Blatchford, Rev. Messrs. John E. Latta, Francis Herron, John Johnston, David Comfort, Rev. Dr. Joseph Caldwell and Rev. John M. Duncan, ministers; and Messrs. Divie Bethune, Alexander Henry and Eleazar Lord, elders.

It being the order of the day for this morning, a communication from the Associate Reformed Synod of New York was received, viz., a memorial of said Synod claiming the library, funds, &c., transferred as stated in the memorial by the late General Synod of the Associate Reformed Church to the Theological Seminary at Princeton. This memorial being read, the consideration of it was postponed till the afternoon.

The business left unfinished yesterday afternoon was resumed, viz., the consideration of a motion for a new trial in the case of Newton Hawes, who had appealed from a decision of the Synod of Genessee affirming a decision of the church of Warsaw, by which Mr. Hawes had been suspended from the privileges of the church.

The commissioners of the Synod were heard till they were satisfied; and they and the counsel for the appellant withdrew from the Assembly.

After some discussion on the subject of the motion by the members of the Assembly, it was agreed that the members be called upon in the or-

der of the roll. After some progress had been made in calling upon the members,

The Assembly adjourned till 4 o'clock, P. M. Concluded with prayer.

4 o'clock, P. M.

The Assembly met, and was constituted by prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The committee to which had been referred the reports of the Presbyteries on the subject of educating poor and pious youth reported, and their report being read was accepted.

The Assembly proceeded to the consideration of the memorial from the Associate Reformed Synod of New York. Dr. Proudfit and Rev. Robert Forrest, the bearers of the memorial were heard at considerable length in support of it, and the memorial was then committed to Dr. Blatchford, Dr. Ely, Messrs. Ebenezer Dickey, Jennings, E. B. Caldwell, Lewis and Cushing.

The narrative of the state of religion was read, and being in part corrected, it was agreed that it be read as part of the exercises assigned for this evening, subject to further correction previously to its being printed.

Adjourned till 9 o'clock to-morrow morning. Concluded with prayer.

May 22, 9 *o'clock, A. M.*

The Assembly met, and was constituted by prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The committee, to which was referred the report of the Board of Missions reported, and their report being read and amended, was adopted, and is as follows, viz.

Resolved, 1. That the report of the Board of Missions be accepted and approved.

2. *Resolved*, That it be earnestly recommended to all the congregations under the care of the Assembly to send annual and liberal contributions to aid the Board in their future operations, but this recommendation shall not involve in censure any congregation belonging to the Synods to whom the General Assembly has given permission to manage their own Missionary concerns, who shall think themselves unable to contribute to the funds of the Board of Missions.

3. *Resolved*, That the Assembly highly approve the sentiments expressed by the Board, with respect to the new States in the western and southern parts of our country, and to the importance of supplying them with the preaching of the gospel, that their character, which is now forming, may be formed under the influence of religion.

4. *Resolved*, That the Trustees be directed, and they are hereby directed, to issue a warrant for the payment of the sums now due to the Missionaries which have been employed by the Board.

The committee to which was referred the minutes of the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church, on the subject of correspondence between that Synod and the General Assembly, reported, and their report being read was accepted. A motion was made and seconded that the report be adopted. After some discussion of this motion, it was postponed to take up the following resolution, which after discussion was adopted, viz.

Resolved, That the plan of correspondence, as amended by the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church, together with the additional article, proposed by that body be adopted, with an expression of a hope, however, that the additional article in question will be reconsidered by the Synod at their next meeting, so that unless it should be regarded as of vital importance to the mutual and friendly correspondence of both bodies, it may be expunged, depend-

ing in this case upon the honourable principles of intercourse founded on our common Christianity.

The several articles of the plan were then read, and the vote taken upon them separately, and finally, the vote being taken upon the whole, they were adopted, and are as follows, viz.

1. The churches are to remain entirely separate and independent.

2. Any member of either church may be received to communion in the other, on producing to the proper church officers sufficient evidence of a good and regular standing in the church with which he is connected.

3. It shall be permitted to the competent church officers in any congregation, settled or vacant, of either church, to invite to preach in their pulpit, any minister or probationer, who is in good standing in either of said churches, and who preaches in their purity the great doctrines of the gospel, as they are stated in their respective Confessions of Faith, and have generally been received and taught in the Reformed Churches; but it shall be entirely optional to give or withhold such invitations; nor shall it be esteemed offensive or unkind if the invitation is withheld.

4. A vacant congregation shall be at liberty to call a minister from either of the churches, according to the order established in that church from which he may be called; he conforming himself to the order of the church to which he shall be called; and in case of a congregation being formed of people from both, it shall be at liberty to put itself under the care of either, at its option.

5. Persons under censure, or process of censure in either church, shall not be received in the other church, while such censure remains, or such process is unfinished.

6. The ministers of either church may be invited to sit as corresponding members in their respective Judicatories, except the highest and the lowest, viz. the Church Session and Consistory, the General Assembly and the General Synod.

7. The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church and the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church, shall each appoint one minister and one elder, with an alternate of each, to sit in these Judicatories respectively, with the privilege of deliberating on all subjects that may come before them.

Additional Article. 8. The ministers of one of the corresponding churches, shall not in any case intrude upon the office of the ministers of the other church.

Adjourned till 4 o'clock, P. M. Concluded with prayer.

4 o'clock, P. M.

The Assembly met, and was constituted by prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

Rev. William Latta resigned his seat to Rev. Thomas H. Skinner, the alternate mentioned in their commission. Mr. Brownlee resigned his seat to Rev. John F. Clark, his alternate, and Mr. Cooley resigned his seat to Rev. Peter O. Studdiford, the alternate mentioned in their commission, and Messrs. Skinner, Clark and Studdiford took their seats as members,

Rev. Henry R. Wilson and Mr. Blood obtained leave of absence during the remaining sessions of this Assembly, and Messrs. Crane and Meeker obtained leave to be absent after to-morrow afternoon.

The committee appointed to examine the records of the Synod of South Carolina and Georgia reported that the records had not been forwarded, and the committee was discharged.

The committee appointed to examine the records of the Synod of Pittsburgh reported, and the book was approved to page 182.

The committee appointed to examine the records of the Synod of Genessee reported, and the report being read, was recommitted to the same committee.

The stated clerk reported to the Assembly that the names of ministers and congregations are to be published in the minutes of next year, and suggested the propriety of earnestly requesting from the Presbyteries complete reports to the next Assembly: the report being read, was committed to Dr. Richards and Mr. Phillips

An overture was submitted to the Assembly on the subject of a friendly correspondence with the Reformed German Church in North America. This overture, being read, was put on the docket.

The business left unfinished yesterday morning, was resumed, viz. the consideration of the motion for a new trial in the case of Newton Hawes. The calling of the members, in the order of the roll, was finished, and the question being taken, the motion was determined in the negative.

The following motion was then made and seconded, viz.

That in relation to the petition of Newton Hawes the General Assembly order that the Synod of Genessee be directed, at their next session, to hear and issue his complaint.

After some discussion, the consideration of this motion was suspended, and the following business was taken up.

The secretary of the United Foreign Missionary Society laid before the Assembly the annual report of the society, and it was referred to Dr. Richards, Mr. Keep and Mr. Fisher to examine it, and submit to the Assembly those parts of the report which require their attention.

Mr. Kemper obtained leave of absence during the remaining sessions of this Assembly.

Adjourned till 9 o'clock to-morrow morning. Concluded with prayer.

May 23, 9 *o'clock A. M.*

The Assembly met, and was constituted by prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

Mr. Morrison resigned his seat to Mr. John M'Mullin, the alternate mentioned in their commission, and Mr. M'Mullin took his seat as a member.

Mr. Whiton obtained leave of absence during the remaining sessions of this Assembly after this day. Mr. Post and Dr. Balch obtained leave to be absent, the former after to-morrow, the latter after next Monday morning.

The committee appointed to make a distribution of the commissioners' fund reported, and their report being read, was accepted, and the trustees of the Assembly were instructed to issue a warrant for the payment of $1574 05 to the commissioners, according to the report of the committee.

The committee appointed to examine the records of the Synods of Albany and of North Carolina, reported that the records had not been forwarded, and the committees were discharged.

The committee appointed to examine the records of the Synod of New York and New Jersey reported, and the book was approved to page 175.

The committee appointed to examine the records of the Synod of Philadelphia reported, and their report being read, was recommitted to the same committee.

The committee, to which had been referred the communication, from the secretary of the United Foreign Missionary Society reported, and their report being read and accepted, was put on the docket.

The business left unfinished yesterday afternoon was resumed, viz. the consideration of the following motion in the case of Newton Hawes' appeal from a decision of the Synod of Genessee affirming a decision of the Church of Warsaw, by which Mr. Hawes was suspended from the ordinances of the church,

viz. that in relation to the petition of Newton Hawes, the Assembly order that the Synod of Genessee be directed at their next session to hear and issue his complaint.

The consideration of this motion was postponed, and the following resolution was submitted to the Assembly, and adopted, viz:

Resolved, That the General Assembly, having heard and considered in detail the circumstances and merits of the appeal of Newton Hawes, are of the opinion that in the proceedings of the Synod of Genessee in the case, there appears to be nothing irregular or censurable until they come to their last decision, in which they pass a new and severe censure on the appellant. In this particular, the Assembly judge that the proceedings of the Synod were not regular, inasmuch as they inflicted a new censure, without a new and regular trial. Had the Synod contented themselves with approving the doings of the church of Warsaw, in declining to restore the appellant to their communion, and left him in the condition of a suspended member, they would have acted with entire regularity; but not pausing at this point, the Assembly consider them as acting on matters not regularly brought before them; and therefore resolved, that the sentence of the Synod, requiring the appellant to make a new and second confession, be reversed, and it is hereby reversed, and that the other part of their proceedings and decision be affirmed, and they are hereby affirmed.

The committee to which was referred the overture on the question, Whence does the General Assembly derive the authority to empower the Moderator of a church session to administer an oath? reported, and their report being read, was put on the docket.

The committee to which was referred the communication of the Associate Reformed Synod of New York, reported, and their report being read, was put on the docket, and the consideration of it was made the order of the day for the afternoon.

Mr. Ashmead resigned his seat to Rev. John E. Latta, the alternate mentioned in their commission, and Mr. Latta took his seat as a member.

The complaint of the Presbytery of Carlisle against a decision of the Synod of Philadelphia, was taken up, and the complainants and the members of the Synod were heard till they were satisfied. A motion was then made and seconded that the complaint of the Presbytery of Carlisle be sustained. After some discussion of this motion the Assembly

Adjourned till 4 o'clock, P. M. Concluded with prayer.

4 o'clock P. M.

The Assembly met, and was constituted by prayer

The minutes of the last session were read.

The committee appointed to examine the records of the Synod of Genessee, reported, and their report being read was put on the docket.

It being the order of the day for this afternoon, the Assembly proceeded to the consideration of the report of the committee on the communication from the Associate Reformed Synod of New York, and the report was accepted. The commissioner from the Synod, and the members of the committee were heard on the subject of the report till they were satisfied, and the further consideration of the report was postponed till to-morrow.

Messrs. Tuttle, Stone and Belknap obtained leave of absence during the remaining sessions of this Assembly, and Messrs. Jennings and William Johnston obtained leave to be absent after 12 o'clock to-morrow, and Mr. Platt after 11 o'clock till Monday morning.

Adjourned till 9 o'clock to-morrow morning. Concluded with prayer.

May 24, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Assembly met, and was constituted by prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

It being the order of the day to hold an election of trustees of the General Assembly, an election was held to fill the vacancy in the Board of Trustees occasioned by the death of Jared Ingersoll, Esq., and Charles Chauncey, Esq. was duly chosen. *Resolved*, That no further election of trustees be held this year.

An invitation from Dr. Chapman to the General Assembly, to attend an examination of the deaf and dumb, in the Pennsylvania Asylum, was received. The Assembly accepted the invitation, and agreed to meet at half past 3 o'clock on Monday afternoon in this place, and proceed in a body to the Asylum.

Mr. Frederick Erringer, elder, who had been appointed a delegate from the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church, to attend this Assembly, as appeared from the minutes of the Synod, being present, was invited to take his seat as a member, and Mr. Erringer accordingly took his seat.

Mr. Whiteside resigned his seat to William Kirkpatrick, his alternate, and Mr. Ewing resigned his seat to Mr. Robert M'Nealy, the alternate mentioned in their commission.

Mr. Alden obtained leave of absence till Monday.

The treasurer presented a copy of his annual account, as settled and approved by the committee of the trustees, which was laid on the table for the inspection of the members.

The consideration of the report of the committee on the communication from the Associate Reformed Synod of New York was resumed. After considerable discussion, the following resolution was adopted, viz:

Resolved, That the resolution before the Assembly (viz. that the report of the committee be adopted) be recommitted to the same committee, with the addition of Drs. Caldwell and Robert Patterson, in the place of two of the committee who had obtained leave of absence, for the purpose of investigating the whole subject of the present claim of the Associate Reformed Synod of New York—that this committee invite the commissioner of the Synod to state, in writing, the grounds of their claim—and that the committee collect the facts in relation to this subject from members of the Presbyterian Church, who are acquainted with them and report the result of their inquiries to this Assembly.

The committee appointed to examine the records of the Synod of New York and New Jersey reported, and the book was approved to page 73.

Mr. Cushing resigned his seat to Robert Patterson, LL. D. the alternate mentioned in their commission, and Dr. Patterson took his seat as a member.

Dr. Green made the following statement to the Assembly, viz:

A Summary View of the present state of the Widows' Fund, May 22, 1823.

Number of annuitants now on the fund, fifteen.	
Amount of annual payments to annuitants, - - - -	$1446 63
Of the above annuitants, five being children, their annuities will terminate after 1, 1, 3, 4, 5, payments respectively.	
The amount of annuities not called for, - - - - -	222 86
Annual expenses, secretary's and treasurer's salaries, about - -	285 00
Number of contributors, including six permanent deposits from churches, &c., and eight permanent deposits for life, thirty-nine.	
Amount of annual payments receivable from contributors, - -	540 00
Arrears of annual rates, - - - - - - - -	1863 13
Interest due on arrears of rates, - - - - - - -	424 64
Amount due on bonds, *Principal* - - - - -	40775 50
Amount due on bonds, *Interest* - - - - - -	3676 29
Hence the whole annual expenditure is - - - - -	1749 63
And the whole annual income, if duly received, is - - -	2968 13
The whole amount of interest now due, is - - - - -	4100 93
And that of the annuities, unpaid (as above) - - - -	222 86

(*Signed*) R. PATTERSON, *Treasurer.*

The consideration of the motion on the complaint of the Presbytery of Carlisle, against a decision of the Synod of Philadelphia in the case of Mr. William S. M'Dowell, was resumed. The motion was, that the complaint be sustained. After some discussion this motion was postponed, and the following was adopted, viz:

The Assembly having heard the complaint of the Presbytery of Carlisle against the Synod of Philadelphia, in the case of William S. M'Dowell, with the facts and arguments offered both by the Presbytery and the Synod, judged that the Synod had a constitutional right to reverse the decision of the Presbytery in the case, either in whole or in part, as to them might seem proper; but that in the exercise of this right, the Synod have not duly regarded the principles of discipline prescribed in the constitution; inasmuch as it appears by their records, that they have removed all censure from a man whom they declare to be deserving of rebuke, without directing that rebuke to be administered, and without receiving any evidence of his penitence.

The further consideration of the Narrative of the State of Religion, was made the order of the day for Monday morning.

Mr. Aiken and Mr. Post obtained leave of absence during the remaining sessions of this Assembly, and Dr. Balch, Messrs. Van Dyke and Nixon, obtained leave of absence after Monday morning.

Adjourned till 9 o'clock, on Monday morning. Concluded with prayer.

May 26, 9 *o'clock, A. M.*

The Assembly met, and was constituted by prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

Dr. Caldwell obtained leave of absence during the remaining sessions of this Assembly.

The committee appointed to examine the records of the Synod of Tennessee, reported, and the book was approved to page 105.

The committee appointed to examine the records of the Synod of Philadelphia, reported, and the book was approved to page 100, except the decision in the case of Mr. William S. M'Dowell, recorded in page 88.

The consideration of the report of the committee to which was referred the report of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary, was resumed, and the report being read and amended, was adopted, and is as follows, viz.

1. That the report of the Board of Directors be adopted.

2. That an appropriation of four thousand five hundred dollars be made to meet the current expenses of the Seminary the ensuing year.

3. That the General Assembly respectfully decline for the present, to accept the act of incorporation of the legislature of New Jersey, entitled "An act for incorporating Trustees of the Theological Seminary of the Presbyterian Church at Princeton, in the State of New Jersey;" and that the act be referred to the Board of Directors to procure, if practicable, a repeal of the last clause of the act.

4. That the Assembly highly approve of the suggestion in the Report of the Board of Directors, respecting the founding of scholarships by wealthy and liberal congregations, the said congregations vesting in their sessions the right of nominating the several incumbents on the funds thus created. And they recommend the attention of the churches to that part of the report of the Board of Directors.

5. That while the Assembly feel thankful to those liberal associations and individuals who have contributed to the Students' Fund; they regret to find that a number of associations which have given their aid in former years, have discontinued their exertions, in consequence of which, several students of promise have been obliged to withdraw from the Seminary, and others have been discouraged from entering.

6. Whereas the Board of Directors report that the contingent fund is entirely inadequate to meet the current expenses of the ensuing year, Resolved, that the directors be required to write to such congregations as they may think proper, and request that a collection be immediately taken up to assist in meeting the current expenses of the year.

7. *Resolved*, That the Treasurer of the Assembly be, and he is hereby authorized to borrow for the use of the Contingent Fund of the Theological Seminary, (if the same should be necessary,) a sum not exceeding two thousand dollars, on the best terms on which he can effect said loan.

The following question was overtured, and being read was put on the docket, viz.

Is a Presbytery constitutionally censurable at the bar of the Synod for receiving under their care a congregation, which has been dismissed by the Presbytery to which it formerly belonged?

The memorial from the Associate Reformed Synod of New York, claiming the library and funds that had been transferred by the late General Synod of the Associate Reformed Church to the Theological Seminary at Princeton, was with the leave of the Assembly, withdrawn by one of the commissioners who had presented it, stating that he took upon himself the responsibility of withdrawing it. The other commissioner had left the city several days previous. The memorial having been withdrawn, the following resolutions were adopted, viz.

Resolved, 1. That if any of the Presbyteries under the care of the Associate Reformed Synod of New York, shall at any future time, send any of their candidates for the Gospel Ministry to our Theological Seminary at Princeton, they shall be received on the same terms as candidates from our own Presbyteries, and entitled to all privileges, both from the library and the funds of the institution, which are enjoyed by other students in the same personal circumstances.

Resolved, 2. That Drs. Nott, Blatchford and Chester, be a committee to confer with the Associate Reformed Synod of New York, or any committee which that Synod may appoint, on the subject of a friendly correspondence with this body, or of the amalgamation of their churches with the Presbyterian church in the United States; and that said committee report to the next Assembly any such measures for adoption as the conferring parties may judge best calculated to promote the spiritual welfare of these two Presbyterian denominations.

After these resolutions were adopted, Dr. Proudfit, the commissioner present, declared that he was much more pleased and gratified by the adoption of these resolutions than he would have been by the Assembly's granting the claims of the memorial in their whole extent.

Mr. Dickey resigned his seat to the Rev. James Arbuckle, the alternate mentioned in their commission, and Mr. Arbuckle took his seat as a member.

Mr. S. P. Williams was appointed a member of the judicial committee in the place of Mr. Van Dyke, who had obtained leave of absence.

Resolved, That Dr. Miller, Dr. Green, Dr. Alexander, Mr. M'Cartee and Dr. Janeway, be appointed a committee to inquire whether any, and if any, what measures ought to be adopted for the better conducting of the business of the General Assembly, and that this committee report to the next Assembly.

The Narrative of the state of religion was read by paragraphs, and being amended was adopted, and is as follows, viz.

A NARRATIVE OF THE STATE OF RELIGION,

Within the bounds of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, in the United States.

The General Assembly find it, every year, more difficult to exhibit a just view of the state of religion within their bounds. The extension of their limits, the increasing number of their churches and communicants, the variety and im-

portance of their religious institutions render this duty, at once pleasing and arduous. On these subjects, they do not judge it expedient to enter as much into detail as they have done on some former occasions; but they desire to furnish such a statement of the dispensations of Providence, towards the churches under their care, as shall impress their members with right views of their present state and obligations.

The Presbyterian Church in the United States embraces thirteen Synods, and more than seventy Presbyteries. One of these Presbyteries is in the eastern part of New England; all the others lie on the west and south of that region, and stretch from Niagara and Champlain, in the State of New York, to Missouri and Louisiana on the south west, a distance of more than 1500 miles. No inconsiderable part of the population spread over this extended region is dependent on the Presbyterian Church for the ordinary means of grace. From that church, to a considerable degree, they expect the preaching of the gospel, and the administration of its ordinances; the patronage of literary and theological seminaries; the religious instruction of the young, and the encouragement and maintenance of charitable institutions. Could we command an adequate supply of labourers for the field which we are invited to occupy, the amount of effort and responsibility devolving on us, would be increasingly great; but an adequate supply of labourers does not exist. The provision which has been made, and is now making, for the religious wants that have awakened our solicitude, will be stated in its proper place. At present, we wish distinctly to announce the fact, that the means of religious instruction are inadequate, in a lamentable degree, to the demand for their employment. From documents which will appear in another form, it is clearly deducible that our population is rapidly gaining on the means of religious improvement. To illustrate this position, in regard to the preaching of the gospel, the following facts may be stated. In the Presbytery of Niagara, there are thirty-one churches, and only seven ministers and licentiates. The Presbytery of Albany is among those which are best supplied with the ministry of the gospel; but, in four counties within its bounds, more than 50,000 souls are represented as destitute of adequate means of grace. In the extensive States of Mississippi and Louisiana, there cannot be found more than eight or ten Presbyterian ministers, and very few of any other denomination. The whole territory of Michigan is yet missionary ground; while east and west Florida, with a numerous population, in a very interesting state, have no minister of our communion. In one city, with three or four thousand inhabitants, much anxiety is evinced to obtain a stated Protestant ministry.

These are some of the reasons for asserting that the means of grace are alarmingly inadequate to the exigencies of our population. To render this view more appalling, we are assured that the deficiency is increasing. New settlements, unfurnished with a Christian ministry, are forming in the west; while the demands of the east are not diminished. The wave of emigration rolls further and further onward; and, unless God interpose, by some special movements of his people in their favour, it would, really, seem that our children are likely to settle on the shores of the Pacific Ocean, without the Christian religion.

Let us now contemplate some of the means which are employed for the cultivation of this vast field, and the particular aspects of providence towards it, during the past year. The stated and ordinary means of grace have been afforded as usual; and our ministers, and elders, generally, appear to have been engaged with zeal and fidelity, in the various departments of their duty. The spirit of religious exertion is still active; and, in some instances, it has appeared in new and successful modes of operation. In addition to the efforts of Sabbath Schools, Catechetical Instruction, Bible Classes, the Concert of Prayer,

Bible Societies, Theological Seminaries, Education and Missionary Associations, we are happy to learn that more than usual attention has been paid to the religious instruction of seamen; and that, on many minds, the present condition of the Jews has made a distinct and affecting impression. While, on these subjects, it does not accord with the design of this narrative, to descend to particulars, we do not hesitate to invite the attention of our churches to the reports respecting them, which are now before the public; and, particularly, to that of the Society for meliorating the condition of the Jews.

The Theological Seminary, at Princeton, has been unusually full during the last year. At present, it numbers eighty-five students. But the Board have still to detail the embarrassments under which it labours for want of funds.* The Theological Seminary at Auburn is yet in its incipient state, but is represented as rising in prosperity. Its number of students, at present, is thirteen.

The Board of Missions, acting under the direction of the General Assembly, have, as usual, made an interesting report. This Board have a few important auxiliaries in different remote sections of the country; and extracts from the journals of their missionaries show that their labours, in many instances, have been suddenly and extensively blest. The Board make an urgent appeal for more liberal patronage in behalf of this ancient missionary institution. There are many other local societies within our bounds, aiming at the same grand object, among which the Assembly observe with pleasure the United Domestic Missionary Society of New York.

The proceedings of this Assembly contain a distinct representation, on the education of pious and indigent young men for the gospel ministry. We are happy to perceive that this important object is commanding more attention among our churches, and as evidence of this, we refer to the exertions of the various Education Societies with their auxiliaries; and those, in particular, of the Presbytery of Albany, which alone is represented as having expended about $1200 for this object, during the past year.

The United Foreign Missionary Society, though not confined to our denomination, commands, it is believed, throughout our churches, a good and increasing degree of favour. Hitherto, its labours have been confined to our western Indians, among whom it has now five stations with well organized education families. There should be but one sentiment among Christians on the duty of patronizing this noble institution. The directors have, nevertheless, to complain that their resources have been limited to an amount far short of their expenditures: and the Assembly would cordially unite with them in the hope, that the peculiarly imposing claims of this society, will not, much longer, suffer it to languish.

Having alluded to most of the means of religious improvement, enjoyed by our churches, it becomes us now to inquire, what has been the result? On this subject we should speak with great caution. But it is important to exhibit the spiritual state of the churches under our care. From the Presbyterial reports, it appears that the whole number of communicants belonging to our church has been much increased; but it cannot now be ascertained to what precise extent, as many of those reports are imperfect† Admitting these additions to have been of *such as shall be saved*, it is of little importance to us, whether they have been gathered in the Christian community, by the gradual distillation of the Holy Spirit, or by that increase of his influences, which constitutes a revival of religion. Still there are many reasons for considering revivals of reli-

* Will any of our congregations remain unmoved on this subject, when they learn, from the Report of the Directors, that promising young men are every year prevented from uniting with the Seminary, for the want of pecuniary means?

† According to a standing order of the General Assembly, the names of the ministers and churches, under their care, will be published next year; and it is hoped that *all* the Presbyteries will be careful to send up their reports in the most perfect form.

gion as peculiarly desirable; and the Assembly would disappoint the churches under their care, if they failed to designate those which appear to have been most remarkable. During the last year, the following congregations have been graciously visited, viz. In the Presbytery of Niagara, Fredonia. In the Presbyter of Genessee, Sheldon, Orangeville and Warsaw. In the Presbytery of Rochester, Riga and Bergen. In the Presbytery of Geneva, Romulus. In the Presbytery of Bath, Naples and Putney. In the Presbytery of Cayuga, Sempronius and Groton. In the Presbytery of Onondaga, Granby. In the Presbytery of Oneida, Utica, Paris, Shenandoah, Herkimer and Little Falls. In the Presbytery of Otsego, Butternutt's and Bowman's Creek. In the Presbytery of St. Lawrence, the continuation of former revivals, in Brownville, Adams and Watertown. In the Presbytery of Champlain, notwithstanding many and great causes of mourning, they speak of a pleasing work of grace in the congregation of Mooers and West Port. It is gratifying to learn that this Presbytery has recently extended its limits by organizing a Presbyterian church in the city of Montreal. In the Presbytery of Londonderry, an extensive revival has taken place in the congregation of Chester. In the Presbytery of Albany, the congregations of Knox, Edinburgh, Kingsborough, Esperance and Ballston. In the Presbytery of North River, South Salem. In the Presbytery of Long Island, Freshpond. In the Presbytery of New York, the Rutgers Street church has been blessed with a special revival; and in the city generally, there is evidently an increase of the spirit of religion, as appears from the erection of several new churches, and an augmented number of communicants. In the Presbytery of Jersey, Newton, and New Brunswick, the congregations of Rockaway, Hanover, Patterson, Chatham, Morristown, Baskingridge, Hacketstown, Pleasant Grove, Mansfield, Lamington, German Valley, and Boundbrook. In the Presbytery of Susquehanna, Pike, Silver Lake, Windsor and Athens. In the Presbytery of Philadelphia, Doylestown, Neshaminy, Newton, Deerfield and Kensington. These revivals, together with the good order and spirit of religious zeal which prevail in the city of Philadelphia, render this a highly interesting part of our spiritual vineyard. In the Presbytery of New Castle, an extensive work of grace seems to have commenced, and the congregations which have principally shared in it are, Fagg's Manor, Upper Octorara, Nottingham, Charleston, Pencador, St. George's and Doe Run. The Presbytery of Carlisle must be added to this list; and in the interesting revival which has visited both the congregations and the college of Carlisle, we find an occasion for lively gratitude. In the Presbytery of Washington, Penn., Mill Creek and the Flats. In the Presbytery of Hartford, New Castle, Slippery Rock, Long Run, New Salem, Mount Pleasant, Hopewell and Nishanok. This revival has been greatly promoted by Sabbath-schools and a system of visitation by several ministers. In the Presbytery of Grand River, Warren and Geneva have experienced small revivals. In the Presbytery of Winchester, a number have been added to the church, in consequence of revivals at Fredericksburgh and Hartwood. In the Presbytery of Lexington, Lexington, New Monmouth, Oxford, Timberridge, New Providence and Fairfield. In the Presbytery of Hanover, Petersburg, Norfolk, Cumberland, Cubcreek and Briery. In the Presbytery of Abingdon, three congregations. In the Presbytery of Orange, Eno, and Little River. From the Presbytery of Georgia we have heard with peculiar emotions, not only of the wide and melancholy desolations which spread around them, but of the reviving showers of divine grace which have descended upon some of their churches. A powerful work of grace is said to have commenced in the congregation of Medway, and more than ordinary additions have been made to the churches of Augusta, Savannah, Darien and St. Mary's.

We have given a brief enumeration of the places which have been favoured with the outpourings of the Spirit of God. These revivals, bearing as they do,

the marks of a genuine work of grace, must be regarded as among the most cheering dispensations of divine providence towards our churches during the last year.

We are happy to state that our friendly intercourse with the churches of Connecticut, Massachusetts, Vermont, and New Hampshire, continues to be cherished; and that from the annual reports furnished by the delegates from those bodies, the impression is favourable in regard to the prevalence of truth and godliness in that region. Their Colleges, and Theological Seminaries, and Missionary institutions are flourishing; and many of their churches have been visited by revivals of religion.

The colleges of Hamilton, Dickinson, Jefferson, Allegheny, and North Carolina, have been represented as in a flourishing state. Many of them embrace a considerable proportion of pious students; and, in all, it is believed, the cause of morality and religion is decidedly gaining ground. With regard to errors on the subject of religion, it would probably be correct to state that they are not making progress. Still it is deplorable, that in this age of light and revivals, so many teachers of false and destructive systems of religion should exist. They are chiefly to be found among our new and unprotected churches; and such a state of things, calls as well for the watchfulness of those churches, as the sympathies of more highly favoured Christians.

There is another truth which fidelity does not permit us to conceal. In many parts of our country, an unusual degree of opposition to the religious charities which adorn the present age of the world, has been displayed. The manifestation of this spirit, should be considered as furnishing an evidence of the power and progress of religious exertion. It was not until the fire of God's altar was cast into the earth, that there were *voices and thunderings and an earthquake.* Still such a state of things should be met by a growing spirit of prayer and circumspection, on the part of the friends of Zion. Calling into action the gentleness and firmness, the humility and perseverance of the gospel, they shall not fail of success.

The events of the past year give strength to the impression that the church is rapidly approaching an important crisis. There is grief in our hearts, but it is not the grief of consternation. We mourn over our vast and increasing desolations. We lament the lukewarmness of many who profess to be the followers of a self-denying and zealous Master. We deplore the false zeal of errorists, and the fruitless hostility of inconsiderate men to the institutions of religion. We find cause for humiliation in the fact, that revivals of religion have not been as extensive, as those which on some former occasions it has been our privilege to record. Whatever gloom may seem to hang over the church is intended for her admonition.

Every thing admonishes us, that what we do must be done quickly. During the past year, the names of M'Farquhar, Crawford, Hunter, Blair, Coe, Ogden, Wilson, Weir, Freeman, Hill, Bishop, Smith, Blatchford,* have been added from among our number to the list of the worthy dead. While we cannot but

* The Rev. Colin M'Farquhar, of the Presbytery of New Castle.
The Rev. Edward Crawford, of the Presbytery of Abingdon.
The Rev. Andrew Hunter, of the city of Washington.
The Rev. John D. Blair, of Richmond, Virginia.
The Rev. Jonas Coe. D. D., of Troy, New York.
The Rev. Uzal Ogden, of Newark, New Jersey.
The Rev. Robert Wilson, of Washington, Ky.
The Rev. William Weir, of Natches, Miss.
The Rev. Jonathan Freeman, of Bridgetown, New Jersey.
The Rev. George Hill, of the Presbytery of Redstone.
The Rev. David Bishop of Easton, Pa.
The Rev. Daniel Smith, of Louisville, Kentucky.
The Rev. Henry Blatchford, son of the Rev. Dr. Blatchford, of Lansingburg, N. Y.

feel the admonition, which their memory awakens, the church mourns their removal as a public calamity.

Trials were needful to awaken her to a just sense of her duty. We are imperiously called to demonstrate our faith in the Saviour of men, by our devotedness to his cause and to his glory. Shall we zealously support our Missionary, and Education, and Theological Institutions, assured, as we are, that they will eminently conduce to the prosperity and glory of the church, or shall we suffer them to languish and decline? Let every friend of Zion and of man make his election. We rejoice that the period has arrived when this question must be answered. In the confidence that many, very many, are prepared to act a consistent and faithful part; and cheered by the light which the zeal of Christians and the graces of the Holy Spirit, cast through every interposing cloud, we are prepared to announce, that there is no cause for despondency. Beyond all that is obscure and cheerless, a vision of blessedness breaks upon our view. *Arise, shine, for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee*, is the voice of the king of Zion to his church. And were the darkest of her seasons yet before her, she should still advance with a steady and increasing light, until her glory struggles into everlasting day.

Resolved, That Mr. Hoge and Dr. Neill be a committee to superintend the printing of the Narrative, and that 1500 copies be printed.

The judicial committee reported that they had before them an appeal of Mr. Benjamin Bell, and requested that they be discharged from any further consideration of this appeal, inasmuch as Mr. Bell has presented no documents but his plea, and no notice of this appeal is to be found on the records of the Synod of Geneva; and their request was granted.

The judicial committee reported appeals from Messrs. Gwinn and Lowrey, and they were put on the docket.

A communication from the American Colonization Society proposing the appointment of a delegate from the Assembly to meet the Board of Managers of that society in the city of Washington, the first Monday of June next, was read. After some discussion of the subject the Assembly

Adjourned till half past 3 o'clock, P. M. Concluded with prayer.

Half past 3 o'clock, P. M.

The Assembly met, and was constituted by prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

Messrs. Wilcox, Benedict and Pratt obtained leave of absence during the remaining sessions of this Assembly.

Resolved, That Dr. Ely, Rev. Timothy Alden, and the Rev. John M. Duncan be a committee to confer with a committee from the General Synod of the Reformed German Church of North America, if such a committee should be appointed by that body, on the subject of a connection by correspondence between the two churches, and to make a report to the next General Assembly.

The committee appointed to draft an answer to the following question, overtured from the Presbytery of Georgia, viz., "Whence do the General Assembly derive authority to empower the Moderator of a church session to administer an oath?" reported the following, which was adopted, viz. "An oath for confirmation, (saith the Apostle,) is to men, an end of all strife," Heb. vi. 16. It is a solemn affirmation, wherein we appeal to God, as the witness of the truth of what we say; and with an imprecation of his vengeance if what we affirm is false, or what we promise be not performed. Its force results from a belief that God will punish false swearing with more severity, than a simple lie, or breach of promise; because perjury is a sin of greater deliberation, and violates superior confidence.

That oaths are lawful is evident from the fact that our Lord, when interrogated on certain occasions, answered upon oath. See Matt. xxvi. 63, 64. Paul also uses several expressions which contain the nature of an oath. See Rom. i. 9, ix. 1; 1 Cor. xv. 31; 2 Cor. i. 18; Gal. i. 20. They are solemn appeals to God. It is manifest that oaths are not to be used on light or trivial occasions. We are expressly commanded not to take God's name in vain. But as the Bible does not point out the particular occasions when oaths are to be used; nor the persons who are to administer them, these circumstances are left to the discretion of individuals and communities. The necessity of oaths is founded in expediency; and all associations, whether civil or ecclesiastical, have a right to use them for confirmation, when, in the exercise of a sound discretion, they are deemed important. It is lawful for every community, in the compact on which their union is founded, to point out the cases in which oaths shall be used, and who shall administer them. The authority of Moderators in the Presbyterian church to administer oaths, is not derived from the General Assembly, but from the constitution, or articles of compact, which our churches have adopted, and by which they have agreed to be governed as a Christian community. It may be proper also to add, that the oaths prescribed by ecclesiastical authority and administered by civil authority, in no respect interfere with our relations to civil society. Nor can the administering of them, if rightly viewed, be considered as a violation of those laws of the state, which prescribe the manner in which civil oaths shall be administered.

The consideration of the subject of appointing a delegate to meet the Board of Managers of the Colonization Society was resumed, and after some discussion, was postponed, and Dr. Richards, Mr. Fisher and Mr. Lewis were appointed a committee to consider the subject, and report to the Assembly measures proper to be adopted by them to aid and encourage the important designs of the Colonization Society.

The report of the committee on Psalmody was called up, and the same committee was continued, with the addition of Dr. Chester (in the place of Dr. M'Auley who had resigned) and Rev. James Laurie, D. D.

The report of the committee on the records of the Synod of Genessee was called up and adopted, and the book was approved to page 29, except the minutes in the case of Newton Hawes recorded page 23, on which case this Assembly made a decision.

Mr. Henry Miller obtained leave of absence during the remaining sessions of this Assembly.

Adjourned till 9 o'clock to-morrow morning. Concluded with prayer.

May 27, 9 *o'clock, A. M.*

The Assembly met, and was constituted by prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The committee, to which had been referred the Synodical and Presbyterial reports reported, and their report being read, it was directed that the Stated Clerk transcribe it into the Compendious View; and it was agreed that the following part be entered on the minutes, viz.

From the Compendious View it appears that at the present time there are under the care of this Assembly 12 Synods and 71 Presbyteries. Reports for the last year have been received from 7 Synods and 51 Presbyteries. Fifty-one Presbyteries have reported on the number of communicants added during the year, on the whole number of communicants, and on the baptism of adults and of infants. On collections for Presbyteries, 8 have reported; 33 have reported on the education fund, 40 on the missionary fund, 49 on the commissioners' fund, and 14 on the Theological Seminary. From the reports that have been received, the whole number of congregations under the care of this Assembly does not appear; as only 1177, certainly much below the real number, have

been reported. Of these 578 have reported on the number of communicants added last year, 679 have reported on the whole number of communicants, 410 have reported on the baptism of adults, and 602 on the number of infants baptized. It is therefore manifest that the Compendious View affords a very imperfect exhibition of the state of the Presbyterian Church, either as to ministers, churches, communicants, baptisms or contributions. Twenty Presbyteries have made no report on any subject. The smallest number of congregations that have reported on any subject is 8, while the largest number is only 679, little more than half the number of congregations that have been reported, and certainly less than half the whole number under the care of the General Assembly.

The undersigned Commissioners, appointed by the last General Synod of the Associate Reformed Church to settle all accounts belonging to the same, and to transfer the library and such funds as may be found in the hands of the Treasurer, after defraying all just claims, to the Theological Seminary at Princeton, reported, and their report was read, and is as follows, viz.

That they had fulfilled their appointment, and that on the 27th of May, 1822, the library was delivered by them to the commissioners appointed by the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary at Princeton—that the amount of funds received from the sale of stocks transferred by the Treasurer of the Theological Seminary of the Associate Reformed Church was eight hundred and forty-nine dollars and eighty cents—and the claims which have been allowed and paid amounted to six hundred and eighty-four dollars and six cents, as per statement and vouchers below, and the balance being one hundred and sixty-five dollars, seventy-four cents has been paid over to the Theological Seminary at Princeton, as per receipt accompanying this. There has been transferred one hundred and fifty dollars in the stock of the Manhattan company of the city of New York, to the name of Dr. Ashbel Green, and there remains to be transferred one hundred and twenty-five dollars in the stock of Schuylkill Bridge company, which now stands in the name of James R. Smith, the former Treasurer of the Theological Seminary of the Associate Reformed Church, together with sixty-two dollars and fifty cents due as dividends on the same. This last will be transferred to the Trustees of the General Assembly as soon as practicable.

W. W. Phillips,
Archibald Falconer, } *Commissioners.*

New York, May 19, 1853.

DR. *The Associate Reformed Church, in account with W. W. Phillips and A. Falconer.* CR.

1823		1823	
Feb. 28—To cash paid G. Hyer. See bill and receipt, No. 1.	$350 00	Feb. 25—By cash received for ten shares in the Franklin Insurance Company, being 500 dollars, and premium on do. $42 42,	$542 42
March 8—To cash paid A. Rose. See bill and receipt, No. 2.	119 92	——By cash, dividend on do.	17 50
——To cash paid J. Arbuckle. See receipt No. 3.	60 68	April 12—By cash received for three shares in the Bank of America of $100 each, $300; and disc. allowed, $10 12. being under par.	289 88
April 12—To cash paid J. M. Mason, balance due him, No. 4.	84 82		849 80
——30—To cash paid J. Arbuckle, receipt No. 5.	39 32	May—By balance due the Associate Reformed Church,	$165 74
——To cash paid J. Freick. See bill and receipt, No. 6.	29 32		
May—To balance due Associate Reformed Church,	165 74		
	849 80		

The above report was committed to Mr. Rodgers and Mr. Platt to examine the statement and vouchers, and report to the Assembly the result of the examination.

It being the order of the day for this morning the appeal of Mr. Andrew Gwinn from a decision of the Synod of Pittsburgh was taken up, and Dr. Ely, at the request of Mr. Gwinn, was appointed his counsel. The documents in the case were read, and Dr. Ely was heard for some time.

Adjourned till 4 o'clock, P. M. Concluded with prayer.

4 o'clock, P. M.

The Assembly met, and was constituted by prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The committee, to which had been referred the report of the commissioners appointed by the last General Synod of the Associate Reformed Church reported, that they had examined the statement of accounts and vouchers, and had found them correct, and their report was adopted.

Resolved, That this statement of accounts be put into the hands of the Trustees of the Assembly, that they may act upon them, and take charge of the funds.

The business left unfinished in the morning was resumed, viz., the consideration of the appeal of Mr. Gwinn from a decision of the Synod of Pittsburgh affirming a decision of the Presbytety of Ohio, by which decision Mr. Gwinn was suspended from the Gospel Ministry. The commissioners from the Synod and Dr. Ely, the counsel of the appellant, were heard till they were satisfied. The members having been called in the order of the roll to express their sentiments on the subject, the Assembly

Adjourned till 9 o'clock to-morrow morning. Concluded with prayer.

May 28, 9 *o'clock, A. M.*

The Assembly met, and was constituted by prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

Messrs. Bracken and Anderson obtained leave of absence during the remaining sessions of this Assembly, and Messrs. Elias B. Caldwell, Steele, Bradish and Buel obtained leave to be absent after to-morrow morning.

The consideration of Mr. Gwinn's appeal from the decision of the Synod of Pittsburgh was resumed; and after considerable discussion the following decision in the case was adopted.

The Assembly, having carefully heard and considered the appeal of Mr. Andrew Gwinn from a decision of the Synod of Pittsburgh affirming the judgment of the Presbytery of Ohio, adopted the following resolution, viz. That whereas, in the judgment of this Assembly, it does not appear that the new testimony offered by Mr. Gwinn has in any important point changed the aspect of his case: therefore resolved, that the decision of the Synod in his case be affirmed.

The following recommendation of a day of thanksgiving, humiliation, and prayer, was adopted, viz.

Whereas the dispensations of Divine Providence toward our country, and especially toward the church under the care of the General Assembly, have been, during the past year, of a mixed character, calling, at once, for lively gratitude and for deep humiliation; the Assembly would respectfully call the churches of their communion to public and solemn exercises of a corresponding character.

They would, therefore, earnestly and affectionately recommend to all the churches under their care, to set apart the first Thursday of November next, as a day of thanksgiving, humiliation and prayer, to abstain on that day from all labours and recreations, to assemble in their respective places of worship, to offer their united and fervent thanksgiving to the God of all grace, for his many mercies to our country, and to our beloved Zion, in the course of the

year; and to pray, that the Holy Spirit may be poured out upon our churches, and upon all the churches of Christ in our land and throughout the world; that religion may be everywhere revived; that the progress of error may be arrested; that every thing unfriendly to the reign of righteousness may be destroyed; that Christians of all denominations may be more and more united in affection and effort; that the Missionary cause and the cause of Bible Societies, may be extended and made to triumph in every part of the world; that wars may cease to the ends of the earth; and that the glory of the latter day may be hastened.

Resolved, That the above recommendation of a day of thanksgiving, &c. be printed with the Narrative on the State of Religion.

A nomination was made of persons to be appointed delegates to attend the next meeting of the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church; and the election was made the order of the day for this afternoon.

Dr. Green presented to the Assembly a number of copies of a pamphlet containing the conditions on which subscriptions are to be made to the Widows' Fund, and it was agreed that they be distributed amongst the members.

The report of the committee on the communication from the secretary of the United Foreign Missionary Society, was taken up, and being read was adopted, and is as follows, viz.

Resolved, That this Assembly deem it a duty and privilege to make very special exertions for the extension of the Redeemer's kingdom in pagan lands.

Resolved, That this Assembly very gratefully acknowledge the smiles of a kind Providence, upon the operations of the United Foreign Missionary Society hitherto, and cherish the hope that this union in benevolent exertions, will strengthen the bonds by which the different ecclesiastical bodies composing this society are united.

Resolved, That the congregations within our limits be requested to increase their exertions in aid of the funds of this society, either by annual contributions, or by forming and by rendering more efficient auxiliary societies, or by collections at the Monthly Concert, or in any other method which by them may be deemed expedient.

Resolved, That it is highly important and necessary, that this society should have an official organ of communication to the public, which shall be considered as the property of the society, and as primarily devoted to its interests; and as the American Missionary Register, printed in New York, and edited by the Secretary of this society, has become this acknowledged organ, it is further resolved, that the Register be recommended to the patronage of the congregations under the care of the Assembly, as the means of increasing the funds of the society, while it spreads necessary and important information.

The judicial committee reported an appeal from Mr. Samuel Lowrey from a decision of the Synod of Ohio. The papers on the subject being read, a motion was made and seconded, that the appeal be sustained. After some discussion, the subject was committed to Dr. Janeway and Mr. Phillips.

The following question was overtured, viz: "Is a Presbytery constitutionally censurable at the bar of a Synod, for receiving under their care a congregation which has been dismissed by the Presbytery to which it formerly belonged?" After some consideration of this overture,

The Assembly adjourned till 4 o'clock, P. M. Concluded with prayer.

Four o'clock, P. M.

The Assembly met, and was constituted by prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The following resolution was adopted as an answer to the question which was under discussion when the Assembly adjourned in the morning, viz:

Resolved, That it is unconstitutional for a Presbytery to dismiss a congregation under their care, and for any other Presbytery to receive the congregation

so dismissed without the approbation of the Synod to which such Presbyteries respectively belong.

The committee to which was referred the motion on the appeal of Mr. Lowrey reported, and their report being read was adopted, and is as follows, viz.

Mr. Lowrey's appeal from the decision of the Synod of Ohio being taken up, and the sentence appealed from, having been read, together with the reasons of his appeal, it appeared on inquiry, that neither the records of the Synod of Ohio, nor the records of the Presbytery of Miami were brought to the Assembly; but as the delegates belonging to that Synod admitted it to be a fact as stated in Mr. Lowrey's appeal, that the Presbytery of Miami did appoint a special session composed of elders belonging to different congregations, for the purpose of trying Mr. Lowrey, and that the decision of such a special session was affirmed by the Synod of Ohio; therefore, resolved, that the appeal of Mr. Lowrey be sustained, and it hereby is sustained; and that all the proceedings in the case be, and they hereby are reversed on the ground that the appointment of such a special session is entirely unconstitutional; and if Mr. Lowrey has done anything offensive, he ought to be tried by the courts that have been instituted by the constitution of our church.

It being the order of the day for this afternoon, the election was held for delegates to attend the next meeting of the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church. The ballots being taken were committed to Mr. Parmelee and Mr. Rodgers to count the votes and report to the Assembly.

This committee reported, and their report being read, the Rev. William Neill, D. D., and Mr. Zechariah Lewis were declared duly chosen delegates to attend the next meeting of the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church, and Rev. James Richards, D. D., and Mr. Gurdon Corning were appointed their alternates.

Resolved, That delegates to the Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church be allowed the same for their travelling expenses and attendance which is allowed to the delegates to the other ecclesiastical bodies connected with this Assembly.

Mr. Armstrong and Mr. Patton were added to the committee on the petition of Mr. Bourne, in the place of members of the committee who had obtained leave of absence.

Dr. Alexander and Mr. Symmes C. Henry, were appointed a committee to dispose of the interest of money in the hands of the Trustees of Princeton College subject to the disposal of this Assembly.

Drs. Miller, Green, and Alexander, were appointed a committee with full powers to employ suitable persons as agents to solicit contributions for the Contingent Fund of the Theological Seminary, to prescribe their routes, give them instructions, and do whatsoever else in their judgment be necessary, to ensure success to a measure so important.

The appeal of Mr. Craighead from a decision of the Synod of Kentucky was taken up, and being read, it appeared on inquiry that the Synod of Kentucky was not ready for trial, because Mr. Craighead had failed to give them notice that he intended to avail himself of the privilege granted by the last Assembly, by prosecuting his appeal; therefore, resolved, that the further consideration of this appeal be postponed, and that Mr. Craighead be informed, that if he wishes to prosecute his appeal before the next General Assembly, he must give notice of his intention to the Synod of Kentucky. *Resolved*, that the Synod of Kentucky and the Presbytery of Transylvania, be directed, and they hereby are directed, to send up to the next Assembly a copy of their minutes in Mr. Craighead's case.

The committee to which was referred the communication from the Board of Managers of the American Colonization Society, reported, and their report being read, was adopted, and is as follows, viz:

That the members of this society are zealously and successfully prosecuting the noble object for which they were associated; that they have already planted, at Cape Montserado, a healthy spot on the western coast of Africa, a colony consisting of about one hundred and thirty free persons of colour: and that they have a fair prospect of speedily increasing the colony, and placing it in a safe and advantageous condition, should the friends of humanity and of religion come forward, and give it their prompt and cordial support. Believing that the cause of suffering Africa is deeply involved in the success of this society, and that important benefit would result to our own country from conveying to the land of their fathers, such of our free people of colour as are willing and prepared to go, your committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions, viz.

1. *Resolved*, That the Assembly still cherish toward the objects and labours of this society, the same sentiments of high and honourable regard which they expressed on a former occasion.

2. *Resolved*, That from the facts laid before the Assembly, they are of opinion that the operations of this society have reached a crisis, which loudly demands the attention of the pious and benevolent, and which, if properly regarded, may speedily open the way for relieving the miseries of Africa, by introducing into that oppressed and degraded country, the blessings of civilization and religion.

3. *Resolved*, That the Assembly cheerfully and earnestly recommend to the individuals and churches under their care, to favour the object and sustain the efforts of the Colonization Society, in such way as to them may be found most practicable and convenient.

The committee to which was referred the petition of Mr. Bourne reported, and their report being read, was accepted. Whereupon it was resolved, that as it appears to be a fact that Mr. Bourne has not submitted to the judgment of the Assembly in affirming a decision by which he was deposed from the gospel ministry, he be permitted to withdraw his petition.

Mr. Coulter and Mr. M'Farland obtained leave of absence during the remaining sessions of this Assembly.

Resolved, That all the Presbyteries under the care of this Assembly be, and they hereby are required, as soon as possible, after their several sessions immediately preceding the meeting of the Assembly, to send up to the Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Education under the care of the Assembly, a report, stating what moneys they have collected for the education of poor and pious youth in their bounds; and what candidates or students they have on their charitable funds.

Resolved also, That when any Presbytery has no beneficiary on their funds, they be, and they hereby are required to remit their funds to the Treasurer of said Board of Education, that the same may be appropriated according to the constitution of the Board.

Resolved, That the Board of Education be, and they hereby are required to report annually a summary of what has been done in the business of education by the Presbyteries as well as the auxiliary societies, and that hereafter the Assembly will act on the report of the Board of Education, and not require the Presbyteries to report immediately to the Assembly.

Resolved, That the Assembly will every year inquire whether the Presbyteries have reported on this subject to the Board of Education.

Resolved, That the usual number of copies of the printed Minutes be presented to the several ecclesiastical bodies connected with this Assembly, and also a proportionate number to the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church, with which a correspondence has been formed at the present sessions.

Adjourned till half past 8 o'clock to-morrow morning. Concluded with prayer.

May 29, *A. M.*

The Assembly met, and was constituted by prayer.

The report of the committee to which the reports of the Presbyteries on the subject of educating poor and pious youth had been referred, was taken up and referred to the Board of Education.

Mr. Horace Hill, in the Synod of Geneva, was chosen in the place of Col. John Linklaen, deceased, and the fourth part of the members of the Board of Education, whose terms, by the constitution of the Board, expire this year, was re-elected.

The committee appointed on the subject of obtaining more full and accurate reports from the Presbyteries, reported, and their report being read, was adopted, viz: *Resolved*, That the Stated Clerk of the Assembly be directed to address a printed circular to the Moderator or some other member of each Presbytery, calling their attention to the orders of the Assembly on the subject of Presbyterial reports, and pointing out the deficiencies which have occurred in this part of official duty; at the same time urging the Presbyteries to adopt such measures as may secure full and accurate reports to the Assembly; especially as a list of the names of the ministers and congregations, and the number of communicants, are to be published the ensuing year. If no safe private opportunity presents, the Assembly recommend that reports be forwarded by mail.

The roll having been called, agreeably to a standing rule on the subject, it was resolved that none of the members be reported to the Presbyteries as having left the Assembly without leave.

Resolved, That this Assembly be dissolved, and that another Assembly chosen in the same manner, be required to meet in the First Presbyterian Church in this city, on the third Thursday in May, 1824, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

Concluded with prayer.

SUMMARY FOR 1823.

Presbyteries.	*Ministers.*	*Churches.*	*Communicants.*	*Licentiates.*	*Candidates.*
Synod of Genessee.					
Ontario,	14	14	1078	1	6
Rochester,	14	17	623	3	—
Genessee,	9	21	474	—	1
Niagara,	7	31	674	1	2
Synod of Geneva.					...
Geneva,	19	22	2257	—	2
Cayuga,	28	34	1702	6	1
Bath,	7	18	802	1	—
Onondaga,	25	35	3181	—	—
Synod of Albany.					
Albany,	21	25	3827	8	2
Troy,	10	20	485	2	4
Oneida,	28	24	2577	1	1
Columbia,	—	—	——	—	—
Champlain,	8	6	402	—	—
St. Lawrence,	15	14	719	1	—
Otsego,	12	9	939	6	4
Londonderry,	25	14	2284	17	—
Ogdensburg,	8	10	434	2	—
Synod of New York and New Jersey.					
Long Island,	13	16	928	3	2
Hudson,	15	21	1854	1	6
North River,	14	18	1841	3	3
New York,	23	19	2685	7	3
Jersey,	32	33	6167	7	7
New Brunswick,	23	15	1480	13	9
Newton,	18	31	2398	3	1
Susquehanna,	11	26	806	3	2

Presbyteries.	*Ministers.*	*Churches.*	*Communicants.*	*Licentiates.*	*Candidates.*
Synod of Philadelphia.					
Philadelphia,	—	—	——	—	—
New Castle,	26	51	3249	6	1
Carlisle,	21	34	3787	3	3
Baltimore,	17	12	971	5	1
Huntingdon,	11	30	1884	1	2
Northumberland,	9	15	1526	—	—
Synod of Pittsburgh.					
Redstone,	18	34	1614	1	—
Ohio,	17	24	1596	2	1
Erie,	7	29	390	—	—
Hartford,	10	22	1563	—	—
Grand River,	14	31	520	1	2
Portage,	10	46	1200	—	—
Washington,	12	23	1832	—	—
Steubenville,	10	16	678	—	—
Allegheny,	8	23	530	1	—
Synod of Ohio.					
Cincinnati,	12	22	923	—	—
Miami,	9	24	718	1	—
Columbus,	9	16	604	—	—
Chillicothe,	12	22	1552	—	4
Athens,	5	7	356	—	—
Lancaster,	8	22	741	2	1
Richland,	—	—	——	—	—
Synod of Virginia.					
Hanover,	19	26	1251	9	3
Lexington,	15	33	1198	—	4
Winchester,	12	16	745	—	2
Abingdon,	9	19	787	2	1
Synod of North Carolina					
Orange,	15	25	764	3	6
Concord,	21	60	3916	6	4
Fayetteville,	14	36	1109	—	—
Synod of South Carolina and Georgia.					
South Carolina,	14	31	1462	3	3
Georgia,	10	5	291	1	2
Harmony,	11	14	433	2	—
Hopewell,	6	12	252	2	—
Alabama,	7	12	356	2	—
Synod of Kentucky.					
West Lexington,	—	—	——	—	—
Ebenezer,	—	—	——	—	—
Transylvania,	—	—	——	—	—
Muhlenberg,	8	23	552	2	—
Louisville,	11	35	910	—	4
Synod of Tennessee.					
Union,	9	24	827	7	2
West Tennessee	—	—	——	—	—
Shiloh,	—	—	——	—	—
Mississippi,	8	8	187	3	—
Missouri,	—	—	——	—	—

1824.

Philadelphia, May 20, 1824.

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America met, agreeably to appointment, in the FirstPresbyterian Church in the city of Philadelphia, May 20th, 1824, at 11 o'clock, A. M., and was opened by the Rev. John Chester, D. D., the Moderator of the last Assembly, with a sermon from 1 Cor. iii. 5. "Who then is Paul, and who is Apollos, but ministers by whom ye believed, even as the Lord gave to every man?"

After prayer the commissions were read, and it appeared that the following Ministers and Elders were duly appointed, and attended as commissioners to this Assembly, viz:

PRESBYTERY OF NIAGARA—*Minister*—Rev. Andrew Rawson. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF BUFFALO—*Minister*—Rev. Miles P. Squier. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF GENESSEE—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF ROCHESTER—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF ONTARIO—*Ministers*—Rev. John B. Whittlesey, Norris Bull. *Elders*—Mr. Samuel Blakesly, Jonathan Beach.

PRESBYTERY OF GENEVA—*Ministers*—Rev. Richard Williams, William Clark, Thomas Lounsbury. *Elder*—Mr. Peter Le Conte.

PRESBYTERY OF BATH—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF CAYUGA—*Ministers*—Rev. William Wisner, Benjamin Niles. *Elder*—Mr. Elijah Belsher.

PRESBYTERY OF ONEIDA—*Ministers*—Rev. Moses Gillet, Noah Coe, John Monteith. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF OSWEGO—*Minister*—Rev. Henry Smith. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF ONONDAGA—*Minister*—Rev. Caleb Alexander. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF OTSEGO—*Minister*—Rev. Aaron Putnam. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF ST. LAWRENCE—*Minister*—Rev. Samuel F. Snowden. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF OGDENSBURGH—*Minister*—Rev. James M'Auley. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF CHAMPLAIN—*Minister*—Rev. Jacob Hart. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF LONDONDERRY—*Ministers*—Rev. Clement Parker, Alonzo Phillips. *Elder*—Mr. William B. Dodge.

PRESBYTERY OF ALBANY—*Ministers*—Rev. John Chester, D. D., Henry R. Weed, Halsey A. Wood. *Elders*—Mr. John L. Winne, Jonathan Clayton.

PRESBYTERY OF TROY—*Ministers*—Rev. Samuel Blatchford, D. D., Nathan S. S. Beman. *Elder*—Mr. Gurdon Corning.

PRESBYTERY OF COLUMBIA—*Minister*—Rev. Azariah Clark. *Elders*—Nathan Elliot, David Mellen.

PRESBYTERY OF NORTH RIVER—*Ministers*—Rev. John Clark, Jacob Green. *Elders*—Dr. John C. Hayt, Thomas Mead.

PRESBYTERY OF HUDSON—*Ministers*—Rev. William Timlow, Robert W. Condit. *Elder*—Mr. Walter Mead.

PRESBYTERY OF LONG ISLAND—*Minister*—Rev. Peter H. Shaw. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF NEW YORK—*Ministers*—Rev. Gardiner Spring, D. D., Ward Stafford, Matthias Bruen. *Elder*—Mr. Benjamin Strong.

PRESBYTERY OF NEW YORK, (2d.)—*Minister*—Rev. William D. Snodgrass. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF JERSEY—*Ministers*—Rev. Asa Lyman, John M'Dowell, D. D., John G. Bergen. *Elders*—Mr. Samuel Downer, Israel Day, Lewis Mills, Obadiah Crane.

PRESBYTERY OF NEWTON—*Ministers*—Rev. Garner A. Hunt, Jacob R. Castner, Nathaniel Conkling. *Elders*—Benjamin Halsey, Joseph Wilson.

PRESBYTERY OF NEW BRUNSWICK—*Ministers*—Rev. David Comfort, Symmes C. Henry, Charles Hodge. *Elder*—Mr. Robert M'Neely.

PRESBYTERY OF SUSQUEHANNA—*Ministers*—Rev. Cyrus Gildersleeve, James Williamson. *Elder*—Mr. Zebulon Butler.

PRESBYTERY OF PHILADELPHIA—*Ministers*—Rev. Ashbel Green, D. D.,

James Patterson, Isaac A. Ogden. *Elders*—Mr. James Moore, Ambrose White, Robert Wallace.

Presbytery of Philadelphia, (2d.)—*Ministers*—Rev. Henry R. Wilson, James Arbuckle. *Elders*—Robert Patterson, Moses Reed.

Presbytery of New Castle—*Ministers*—Rev. John E. Latta, Joseph Wilson, Thomas Kennedy, Orson Douglass. *Elders*—Mr. Amos Slaymaker, Robert Hunter, Dr. John S. Martin, William Kirkpatrick.

Presbytery of Baltimore—*Minister*—Rev. William Nevins. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of District of Columbia—*Minister*—Rev. Elias Harrison. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of Carlisle—*Ministers*—Rev. Robert Cathcart, D. D., Robert Kennedy, John M'Knight. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of Huntingdon—*Minister*—Rev. James Woods. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of Northumberland—*Minister*—Rev. Asa Dunham. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of Redstone—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of Ohio—*Minister*—Rev. Samuel Ralston, D. D. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of Washington, Pa.—*Minister*—Rev. Andrew Wylie. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of Steubenville—*Minister*—Rev. Charles C. Beatty. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of Erie—*Minister*—Rev. Timothy Alden. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of Allegheny—*Minister*—Rev. Hezekiah May. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of Hartford—*Minister*—Rev. Daniel W. Lathrop. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of Grand River—*Minister*—Rev. Randolph Stone. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of Portage—*Minister*—Rev. Joseph Meriam. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of Huron—*Minister*—Rev. Stephen I. Bradstreet. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of Winchester—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of Lexington—*Ministers*—Rev. Joseph Smith, John Hendren. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of Hanover—*Minister*—Rev. Isaac Paul. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of Abingdon—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of West Lexington—*Minister*—Rev. Robert Stewart. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of Ebenezer—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of Transylvania—*Minister*—Rev. Thomas Cleland, D. D. *Elder*—William Pawling.

Presbytery of Muhlenberg—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of Louisville—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of Salem—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of Lancaster—*Minister*—Rev. James Culbertson. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of Athens—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of Chillicothe—*Minister*—Rev. Dyer Burgess. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of Columbus—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of Cincinnati—*Minister*—Rev. David Root. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of Miami—*Minister*—Rev. William Gray. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF RICHLAND—*Minister*—Rev. Robert Lee. *Elder*—None.
PRESBYTERY OF UNION—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.
PRESBYTERY OF WEST TENNESSEE—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.
PRESBYTERY OF SHILOH—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.
PRESBYTERY OF MISSISSIPPI—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.
PRESBYTERY OF MISSOURI—*Minister*—Rev. Salmon Giddings. *Elder*—None.
PRESBYTERY OF ORANGE—*Minister*—Rev. Eli W. Caruthers. *Elder*—None.
PRESBYTERY OF FAYETTEVILLE—*Minister*—Rev. Colin M'Iver. *Elder*—None.
PRESBYTERY OF CONCORD—*Minister*—Rev. Daniel Gould. *Elder*—None.
PRESBYTERY OF ALABAMA—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.
PRESBYTERY OF HARMONY—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.
PRESBYTERY OF GEORGIA—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.
PRESBYTERY OF CHARLESTON UNION—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.
PRESBYTERY OF SOUTH CAROLINA—*Minister*—Rev. John Rennie. *Elder*—None.
PRESBYTERY OF HOPEWELL—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.
GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF CONNECTICUT—Rev. James Beach.
GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF NEW HAMPSHIRE—Rev. Phinehas Cook.
GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF MASSACHUSETTS—Rev. Experience Porter, Cyrus Mann.
CONVENTION OF VERMONT—Rev. Rufus W. Baily.

The Rev. Francis Herron, D. D., from the Presbytery of Ohio, Rev. William Hill, D. D., from the Presbytery of Winchester, and Mr. James Kennedy, ruling elder from the Presbytery of Oneida, appeared in the Assembly without commissions; but satisfactory testimony was given that they had been chosen Commissioners to this Assembly, and they were received as members, and took their seats accordingly.

The Assembly proceeded to elect a Moderator and Temporary Clerk; and the Rev. Ashbel Green, D. D., was unanimously chosen Moderator, and the Rev. John M'Dowell, D. D., was chosen Temporary Clerk.

The minutes of the last Assembly were read in part.

Rev. Messrs. Wisner, Weed and Arbuckle, Drs. Spring, Herron and Cleland, Rev. James Beach, Dr. Martin, Dr. Hayt and Mr. Day, were appointed a committee of bills and overtures, to meet in this church to-morrow morning at 6 o'clock, and afterwards on their own adjournments.

Drs. Blatchford, Ralston and Cathcart, and Messrs. Alden, Strong, Kirkpatrick, Root and Patterson, were appointed a judicial committee.

Adjourned till 9 o'clock to-morrow morning. Concluded with prayer.

May 21, 9 *o'clock, A. M.*

The Assembly met, and was constituted by prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

Rev. John Bascom, from the Presbytery of Cayuga; Rev. Robert Steel, from the Presbytery of Philadelphia; Rev. Ezra King, from the Presbytery of Long Island; Rev. Jacob Broadhead, D. D., delegate from the Reformed Dutch Church; Mr. Isaac Lewis, ruling elder from the Presbytery of Rochester; Rev. William Williamson and Mr. Thomas Vowell, ruling elder from the Presbytery of Winchester, appeared in the Assembly, and their commissions being read, they took their seats as members.

The reading of the minutes of the last Assembly was resumed and finished.

Resolved, That Messrs. Niles, Gillet and Dodge, be a committee to examine the records of the Synod of Genessee.

That Messrs. Nathan Smith, M'Auley and Downer, be a committee to examine the records of the Synod of Geneva.

That Messrs. King, Bruen and Halsey, be a committee to examine the records of the Synod of Albany.

That Mr. Arbuckle, Dr. Ralston and Mr. Pawling, be a committee to examine the records of the Synod of New York.

That Messrs. Wylie, Meriam and Winne, be a committee to examine the records of the Synod of New Jersey.

That Messrs. Rawson, Coe and Corning, be a committee to examine the records of the Synod of Philadelphia.

That Messrs. Lounsbury, Bergen and Joseph Wilson, be a committee to examine the records of the Synod of Pittsburgh.

That Messrs. Condit, Azariah Clark and Walter Mead, be a committee to examine the records of the Synod of Virginia.

That Messrs. Snodgrass, Castner and Mills, be a committee to examine the records of the Synod of North Carolina.

That Messrs. Gray, Caruthers and Hunter, be a committee to examine the records of the Synod of South Carolina and Georgia.

That Messrs. Joseph Wilson, Woods and Reed, be a committee to examine the records of the Synod of Kentucky.

That Messrs. Henry, James Patterson and Clayton, be a committee to examine the records of the Synod of Ohio.

That Messrs. Hart, Phillips and Le Conte, be a committee to examine the records of the Synod of Tennessee.

It was made the order of the day for Monday next, to receive reports on the state of religion.

Resolved, That the General Assembly, and such persons as may choose to unite with them, will spend a part of next Wednesday evening in special prayer for the outpouring of the Spirit on the churches, and in other religious exercises; and Dr. Blatchford, Dr. Cathcart and Mr. Snodgrass, were appointed a committee to make arrangements for the evening, and to designate persons to lead in the exercises.

The receiving of Synodical and Presbyterial reports was made the order of the day for to-morrow morning.

Messrs. Benjamin Strong and Winne, were appointed a committee to receive an account of the miles travelled by the commissioners to the Assembly, and to make an apportionment of the commissioners' fund, agreeably to a standing rule on the subject.

Dr. Chester, Dr. Spring, Messrs. M'Iver, Porter and Cook, were appointed a committee to prepare a narrative of the information to be received on the state of religion.

A report from the Rev. William Hanford, the delegate appointed by the last Assembly to attend the General Association of Massachusetts, was received, and being read, was committed to Messrs. James Patterson and Comfort.

The committee appointed by the last Assembly to confer with a similar committee, if such should be appointed by the German Reformed Synod of North America, reported, that they had conferred with said committee, and their report being read, the further consideration of the subject was made the order of the day for to-morrow morning.

A petition from the Presbytery of Columbia was overtured, requesting that they be detached from the Synod of Albany and connected with the Synod of New York. The petition being read, it was moved and seconded, that the petition be granted. This motion was postponed, and the following resolution, after considerable discussion of the subject, was adopted, viz.

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to decide on this application at present.

Adjourned till 4 o'clock, P. M. Concluded with prayer.

4 o'clock, P. M.

The Assembly met, and was constituted by prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

Rev. Samuel Martin from the Presbytery of New Castle, Rev. John Langdon from the General Association of Connecticut, Mr. Samuel L. Kennedy, ruling elder from the Presbytery of New York, and Messrs. John N. Simpson and James Moore, ruling elders from the Presbytery of New Brunswick, appeared in the Assembly, and their commissions being read, they took their seats as members. Mr. Thomas Kennedy resigned his seat to Mr. Martin.

The following overture was submitted to the Assembly, viz. "Have licentiates a right by the constitution of the church to solemnize marriage, where the laws of the state are silent on the subject?"

After a considerable discussion of the subject, the further consideration of it was indefinitely postponed.

Dr. Janeway, who had been appointed by the last Assembly to procure the binding of copies of the second and third volumes of the printed Extracts, and Missionary Sermons, reported, that not meeting with sufficient encouragement, he had not procured the binding of said books. Dr. Janeway was again appointed and authorized to procure the binding of the aforesaid books, with a view to sell them at a low price, and if there is a prospect of aiding the funds of the Assembly by the sale, in that case to have them bound, but if not, he is not required to procure the binding of them.

Adjourned till 9 o'clock to-morrow morning. Concluded with prayer.

May 22, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Assembly met, and was constituted by prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

Rev. Aaron W. Leland, D. D., and Rev. Elipha White from the Charleston Union Presbytery appeared in the Assembly, and their commissions being read, they took their seats as members.

A reference from the Presbytery of Cayuga was made the order of the day for Tuesday morning next.

A communication from the trustees of the Assembly, on the subject of Dr. Wheelock's will, was received, and being read, was committed to Dr. Chester, Mr. Azariah Clark, and Mr. Robert Patterson.

It being the order of the day for this morning, the Synodical and Presbyterial reports were received, and committed to Messrs. Green, Wood, and Hodge, to examine them, and read to the Assembly those parts of them, which they may think necessary to be read for the information of the Assembly, and also to prepare a statement to be transcribed into the Compendious View.

It appearing, that from several Synods and Presbyteries, no reports were received; therefore, *Resolved*, That the Commissioners from the delinquent Synods and Presbyteries, write to the Stated Clerks of those bodies, to forward as soon as practicable to the Stated Clerk of the Assembly, regular statistical reports.

Resolved, also, That the commissioners present from the delinquent bodies prepare as accurate and full reports as they can, and put them into the hands of the committee appointed on the subject.

Resolved, also, That the Stated Clerk be directed, and he hereby is directed, to write to delinquent Presbyteries not represented in this Assembly, and require them to forward to him their reports at the earliest period possible.

The Stated Clerk presented to the Assembly a few copies of the minutes of the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church, intended to be distributed among the Synods; and also one hundred copies of the minutes of the General Association of Massachusetts. The clerks of the Assembly were directed to distribute the aforesaid copies of minutes.

Dr. Neill, one of the delegates appointed by the last Assembly to attend the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church, reported that he had attended; that the Synod did not think proper to rescind the 7th article in the plan of correspondence; nevertheless, he gave it as his opinion, that the connection ought to be maintained and cherished.

Messrs. M'Neely and Putnam obtained leave of absence during the remaining sessions of this Assembly, and Mr. Timlow, till Monday morning.

The other order of the day for this morning was postponed to take up an appeal and complaint of Rev. Josiah B. Andrews against a decision of the Synod of New Jersey affirming a decision of the Presbytery of Jersey, by which he was admonished.

This appeal was reported to the Assembly by the Judicial Committee, and taken up, and all the documents on the subject being heard the Assembly adjourned till 9 o'clock, on Monday morning. Concluded with prayer.

May 24, 9 *o'clock, A. M.*

The Assembly met, and was constituted by prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The Rev. William L. Maccalla, from the Presbytery of Ebenezer, Rev. Jonathan Winchester, from the Presbytery of Rochester, Rev. James Smylie, from the Presbytery of Mississippi, and Mr. Robert M'Mullin, ruling elder from the Presbytery of Philadelphia, appeared in the Assembly, and their commissions being read, they took their seats as members.

It being the order of the day, the Assembly proceeded to receive communications on the state of religion; after considerable progress had been made in receiving them,

The Assembly adjourned till 4 o'clock, P. M. Concluded with prayer.

4 o'clock, P. M.

The Assembly met, and was constituted by prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

Rev. Henry Ford, from the Presbytery of Bath, appeared in the Assembly, and his commission being read, he took his seat as a member.

The receiving of communications on the state of religion, was resumed and finished.

It was agreed the concert of prayer appointed for Wednesday evening, be held in this church.

The committee to which was referred the subject of transmitting the minutes of this Assembly, to the several Associations in the Eastern States connected with this body, made the following report, which being read, was adopted, viz. That there is a standing order on the subject in the Assembly's Digest, page 308, embracing all that in their opinion, can be done on the subject.

The order of the day for Saturday, which had been postponed; viz. The consideration of a report from the committee on a correspondence with the German Reformed Synod, was taken up, and after a considerable discussion of the subject, the Assembly

Adjourned till 9 o'clock to-morrow morning. Concluded with prayer.

May 25, 9 *o'clock, A. M.*

The Assembly met, and was constituted by prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

Mr. James O. Morse, ruling elder, from the Presbytery of Otsego, and Rev. Henry White, from the Presbytery of Alabama, appeared in the Assembly, and their commissions being read, they took their seats as members.

Mr. Steel resigned his seat to the Rev. Charles Hyde, the principal mentioned in their commission, and Mr. Hyde took his seat as a member.

Resolved, That the Board of Missions be requested to present the thanks of this Assembly to Rev. Andrew Wylie, for the Missionary Sermon, which by the appointment of the Board, he preached last evening.

The committee appointed to make arrangements for the concert of prayer, reported, and their report being read, was adopted.

Resolved, That the Board of Missions be heard at 4 o'clock, P. M.

The consideration of the report on a correspondence with the German Reformed Synod, was resumed.

After mature deliberation it was *Resolved*, that the General Assembly will agree to an ecclesiastical correspondence, with the German Reformed Synod of North America, on the following principles, viz.

First, the churches are to remain separate and independent.

Second, The German Reformed Synod, and the General Assembly of the Presbyterian church, shall each appoint one minister and one elder with an alternate of each, or two ministers with their alternates, as either may wish, to sit in these judicatories respectively, with the privilege of deliberating on all subjects, that may come before them.

The Rev. Robert Cathcart, D. D., and the Rev. Alexander Boyd were appointed a committee to lay the above articles of correspondence before the German Reformed Synod at their next meeting, and when adopted by that body, the correspondence shall be considered as established.

Ordered, that the Stated Clerk furnish the committee with an attested copy of this minute.

Mr. Hunt resigned his seat to Rev. John F. Clark, the alternate mentioned in their commission, and Mr. Clark took his seat as a member.

The business left unfinished on Saturday, was resumed, and after Mr. Andrews had been heard at considerable length in defence of his appeal and complaint, the Assembly

Adjourned till 4 o'clock, P. M. Concluded with prayer.

Four o'clock, P. M.

The Assembly met, and was constituted by prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

Rev. Luther Humphrey, from the Presbytery of Grand River, appeared in the Assembly, and his commission being read, he took his seat as a member.

Mr. Latta resigned his seat to Mr. Thomas Kennedy.

The hearing of the report of the Board of Missions was postponed; and the unfinished business of the morning was resumed. After the appellant had concluded his defence, the Assembly

Adjourned till 9 o'clock to-morrow morning. Concluded with prayer.

May 26, 9 *o'clock, A. M.*

The Assembly met, and was constituted by prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

Rev. Isaac R. Barber, from the Presbytery of Harmony, appeared in the Assembly, and his commission being read, he took his seat as a member.

Mr. Weed resigned his seat to the Rev. James V. Henry, Mr. Kirkpatrick resigned his seat to Mr. Henry Y. Slaymaker, and Mr. Henry and Mr. Slaymaker took their seats as members.

Mr. Simpson obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of the Assembly.

Ninety copies of the minutes of the General Association of Connecticut were presented to the Assembly.

The unfinished business of yesterday was resumed: viz. Mr. Andrews' appeal and complaint against a decision of the Synod of New Jersey in his case; and the commissioners from the Synod were heard in defence of their decision, and Mr. Andrews was heard in reply. The parties then withdrew from the house, and some progress was made in calling the roll, agreeably to a constitutional rule on the subject.

At the request of the commissioners from the Presbytery of Cayuga, a resolution was passed, granting leave to withdraw a reference made by said Presbytery to this Assembly, of a case which had been referred to that Presbytery by the session of Ithaca.

A motion was made to reconsider this resolution, and was carried in the affirmative.

Mr. Wisner obtained leave of absence during the remaining sessions of this Assembly after this afternoon.

Adjourned till 4 o'clock, P. M. Concluded with prayer.

4 o'clock, P. M.

The Assembly met, and was constituted by prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The Narrative of the State of Religion was read, and after a number of amendments, it was recommitted to the same committee, to be further amended, and to be read as a part of the religious exercises assigned for this evening.

The calling of the roll, that the members might have an opportunity to express their opinions on the appeal and complaint of Mr. Andrews, was resumed, and a considerable number expressed their opinions.

Dr. Hayt and Mr. Joseph Wilson, obtained leave of absence during the remaining sessions of this Assembly.

An election for delegates to the several ecclesiastical bodies connected with this Assembly, was made the order of the day for Friday afternoon.

Adjourned till 9 o'clock to-morrow morning. Concluded with prayer.

May 27, 9 *o'clock, A. M.*

The Assembly met, and was constituted by prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

Mr. Moore, of the Presbytery of New Brunswick, resigned his seat to Mr. Samuel Bayard, the principal mentioned in their commission; Mr. Conkling resigned his seat to Rev. Jehiel Talmadge, his alternate; and Mr. M'Neely resigned his seat to Mr. Caleb S. Green, his alternate; Mr. Henry R. Wilson resigned his seat to Rev. Thomas G. M'Innes, the alternate mentioned in their commission; and Messrs. Bayard, Talmadge, Green, and M'Innes, took their seats as members.

Messrs. Bascom, Walter, and Mead, obtained leave of absence during the remaining sessions of this Assembly, and Dr. Martin after the session of this morning.

The reference from the Presbytery of Cayuga, was referred to the next General Assembly.

The consideration of the appeal and complaint of Mr. Andrews was resumed, and some progress was made in calling the members in the order of the roll, and hearing their sentiments on the subject.

Adjourned till 4 o'clock, P. M. Concluded with prayer.

4 o'clock, P. M.

The Assembly met, and was constituted by prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The calling of the roll in the case of Mr. Andrews, was resumed, and after

some progress had been made, the Assembly adjourned till 9 o'clock to-morrow morning. Concluded with prayer.

May 28, 9 *o'clock, A. M.*

The Assembly met, and was constituted by prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

Messrs. Halsey and Thomas Kennedy, obtained leave of absence during the remaining sessions of this Assembly, and Messrs. Niles and Strong, after the sessions of this day. Mr. Elliot and Mr. Root obtained leave of absence till Tuesday.

The committee on the commissioners' fund reported, and their report being read, was recommitted to the same committee to be amended, and again submitted to the Assembly.

A nomination was made of persons to be chosen delegates to the several ecclesiastical bodies connected with this Assembly.

The committee appointed to make a distribution of the commissioners' fund, again reported, and their report being read, was accepted; and the trustees of the Assembly were instructed to issue a warrant for the payment of $1573 67, to the commissioners, according to the report of the committee.

The calling of the roll in the case of Mr. Andrews was resumed, and several members gave their opinions on the subject.

Mr. Corning, Mr. Whittlesey, and Mr. M'Knight obtained leave of absence during the remaining sessions of this Assembly, after this day

Adjourned till 4 o'clock, P. M. Concluded with prayer.

Four o'clock, P. M.

The Assembly met, and was constituted by prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

It being the order of the day for this afternoon, the election was held for delegates to attend the several ecclesiastical bodies connected with this Assembly. The ballots were taken, and committed to Dr. M'Dowell, Messrs. Castner, and Lyman, to count the votes given in for the several candidates, and report to the Assembly.

This committee reported, and their report being read, the following persons were declared duly chosen: viz.

Rev. William Hill, D. D., and Rev. Aaron W. Leland, D. D., to attend the next meeting of the General Association of Connecticut, and of the General Association of Massachusetts.

The Rev. Gardiner Spring, D. D., to attend the next meeting of the General Association of New Hampshire, and of the General Convention of Vermont; and the Rev. John Monteith was appointed his alternate.

Rev. Thomas M'Auley, D. D., and Mr. Benjamin Strong, elder, to attend the next meeting of the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church, and Rev. John B. Romeyn, D. D., and Mr. Divie Bethune, elder, were appointed their alternates.

The number of votes being equal for two of the candidates, for a delegation to the General Association of Connecticut, and the election of a third delegate to said Association having therefore failed, it was resolved that another balloting be held to-morrow morning for a third delegate.

Mr. Martin resigned his seat to Mr. Latta.

The calling of the roll in the case of Mr. Andrews, was resumed and finished.

Adjourned till 8 o'clock to-morrow morning. Concluded with prayer.

May 29, 8 *o'clock, A. M.*

The Assembly met, and was constituted by prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

Dr. Pawling obtained leave of absence during the remaining sessions of this Assembly.

It being the order of the day for this morning, the election was held for a delegate to attend the next meeting of the General Association of Connecticut. The ballots were taken by the committee appointed yesterday.

This committee reported, and their report being read, the Rev. Henry White was declared duly elected to attend the next meeting of the General Association of Connecticut; and Mr. White was also appointed an alternate to either of the delegates to the General Association of Massachusetts who may fail to attend.

The consideration of the appeal and complaint of Mr. Andrews was resumed. A resolution on the subject, with several amendments, having been submitted to the Assembly, the whole subject was committed to Drs. Ralston, Spring, Hill, and Blatchford, and Mr. M'Iver, to prepare and report to the Assembly a minute proper to be adopted on the subject.

Messrs. Morse and Bayard were added to the judicial committee, in the place of two members who had obtained leave of absence.

Mr. Hyde obtained leave of absence till Tuesday. Messrs. Downer, Belcher, Phillips, Butler, and Henry Y. Slaymaker, obtained leave of absence during the remaining sessions of this Assembly after this day.

A petition from the congregation of Solesbury, under the care of the Presbytery of Philadelphia, referred to the Assembly by said Presbytery, was overtured and read. This petition requested, that the congregation of Solesbury be separated from the Presbytery of Philadelphia, and attached to the Presbytery of New Brunswick. This request having previously been before the Synod of Philadelphia, and having been referred to the Presbytery by the Synod, and the Presbytery having given their consent, it was resolved, that the request be granted, and it hereby is granted, and the congregation of Solesbury is detached from the Presbytery of Philadelphia, and connected with the Presbytery of New Brunswick.

The committee appointed to examine the records of the Synod of South Carolina and Georgia, reported, and the book was approved to page 87.

The committee appointed to examine the records of the Synod of Pittsburgh, reported, and the book was approved to page 214.

The committee appointed to examine the records of the Synod of Genessee, reported, and the book was approved to page 47.

Messrs. Stone, Culbertson, and Arbuckle, were appointed a committee to alter the line dividing the Synod of Pittsburgh from that of Ohio, so as to embrace the missionary station on the Maumee, within the bounds of the Synod of Pittsburgh, agreeably to an application made to the Assembly on the subject, by the Synod of Pittsburgh.

The committee appointed to examine the records of the Synod of New York, reported, and the book was approved to page 27.

The committee appointed to examine the records of the Synod of North Carolina, reported, and the book was approved to page 304.

The committee appointed by the last Assembly to inquire what measures ought to be adopted for the better conducting of the business of the Assembly reported, and their report being read, was laid on the table for the further consideration of the members.

The following extract from the minutes of the Presbytery of Oswego, was overtured.

"On motion, *Resolved*, That our commissioners to the Assembly, be instructed

to make application to that body, to alter the line of boundary between the Synod of Albany and the Synod of Geneva, so that the whole county of Oswego may be comprehended within the Synod of Albany."

This overture being read, it was *Resolved*, That this application be referred to the Synod of Geneva; and if the Synod of Geneva give their consent, then the prayer of the petition is to be granted, and the boundary line fixed accordingly.

The committee appointed to sell the Digest, made the following statement, viz.

"That the sale has been very limited, and therefore request authority to lessen the price, if they shall deem it proper, and to dispose of the copies of it in any way that they may think conducive to the interest of the Assembly, and of the church under their care." The request of the committee was granted, and the authority was accordingly given them.

The Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary reported, and their report being read, was approved.

A nomination was made of persons to fill the vacancies in the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary; and the election was made the order of the day for Monday morning next.

Dr. Leland, Messrs. Robert Kennedy, Slaymaker and Wood, were added to the committee of bills and overtures, in the place of members who had obtained leave of absence.

The Act of the Legislature of New Jersey, entitled "An Act for incorporating Trustees of the Theological Seminary of the Presbyterian Church, at Princeton, in the State of New Jersey;" and a Supplement to said Act, reported by the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary, were read. The Assembly, after mature consideration, resolved to accept said Act with said Supplement, and they hereby do accept them.

Dr. Cathcart, Dr. M'Dowell and Mr. Bayard were appointed a committee to ascertain, and report to the Assembly, what measures are to be adopted, and what alterations are to be made in relation to the plan of the Theological Seminary, and the manner of conducting its concerns, in consequence of this charter.

The Board of Missions reported, and their report being read was committed to Messrs. James Patterson, Green and Squier.

The committee appointed to prepare a minute to be adopted by the Assembly, in relation to the appeal and complaint of the Rev. Josiah B. Andrews, against a decision of the Synod of New Jersey, affirming a decision of the Presbytery of Jersey, by which Mr. Andrews was admonished, reported, and their report being read was adopted, and is as follows, viz.

The General Assembly, after maturely and prayerfully considering the appeal and complaint of the Rev. Josiah B. Andrews, from a sentence of the Synod of New Jersey, adopted the following minute, viz.

While in the opinion of this Assembly, the Presbytery of Jersey in originating, conducting, and issuing this prosecution, do not appear to have exercised that cautious regard to the provisions of the Constitution, in cases of process which are so efficient in matters of discipline, and while they deem this applicable to the proceedings of the Presbytery in relation to both the parties, *Resolved*,

First, That the sentence of the Presbytery and Synod so far as it censures the Rev. Josiah B. Andrews, for imprudence of conduct, and a want of tenderness towards the reputation of certain members of the church in Perth Amboy, be affirmed, and it hereby is affirmed.

Second, That the sentence of the Presbytery and Synod, censuring the Rev. Josiah B. Andrews for "a very reprehensible degree of equivocation," be reversed, and it hereby is reversed.

The following extract from the minutes of the General Association of New Hampshire was received and read. "The Rev. Dr. Neill having through Mr. Sutherland, presented a copy of the revised edition of the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church, in the name of the General Assembly, to this Association:

Resolved, That we gratefully accept this work, and present our cordial thanks to the Assembly for this renewed token of Christian affection; and that the Secretary communicate this resolution to the Stated Clerk of the Assembly."

The following persons were chosen and appointed a Board of Missions for the ensuing year: viz.

Of Philadelphia and its vicinity, the Rev. Drs. Green, Wilson, Alexander, Miller, Janeway, Ely, Neill and Dickey; and the Rev. Messrs. Potts, Skinner and Patterson; and Messrs. Robert Smith, Robert Ralston, John Connelly, John M'Mullin and Samuel Bayard.

Of New York and its vicinity, the Rev. Dr. Romeyn, and Rev. Mr. Joseph M'Elroy in the place of Dr. Richards, and Messrs. Lenox, J. R. B. Rodgers, D. Bethune, Z. Lewis, and R. Havens.

Of the Synod of Genessee, the Rev. Dr. E. Fitch.

Of the Synod of Geneva, the Rev. Dr. Perrine.

Of the Synod of Albany, the Rev. Dr. Chester.

Of the Synod of New York, the Rev. John Johnston.

Of the Synod of New Jersey, the Rev. Dr. Hillyer.

Of the Synod of Philadelphia, the Rev. Dr. Cathcart.

Of the Synod of Pittsburgh, the Rev. Elisha Macurdy.

Of the Synod of Virginia, the Rev. Dr. Rice.

Of the Synod of Kentucky, the Rev. Dr. Blythe.

Of the Synod of Ohio, the Rev. Dr. R. G. Wilson.

Of the Synod of North Carolina, the Rev. John M. Wilson.

Of the Synod of South Carolina and Georgia, Rev. Richard B. Cater.

Of the Synod of Tennessee, the Rev. Duncan Brown.

The committee appointed to examine the records of the Synod of Albany, reported, and the book was approved to page 228.

Resolved, That no election be held this year for trustees of the General Assembly.

The committee on Psalmody was continued.

An overture from the Presbytery of North River, in the case of a Mr. Quinn, was taken up, and after some discussion on the subject, was dismissed, as a matter in which the Assembly has no concern.

Adjourned till 9 o'clock on Monday morning. Concluded with prayer.

May 31, 9 *o'clock, A. M.*

The Assembly met, and was constituted by prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

Messrs. Castner, Dodge and Morse, obtained leave of absence during the remaining sessions of this Assembly, after this morning; and Mr. Gildersleeve obtained leave after the session of to-morrow morning.

It being the order of the day for this morning, the election was held, to fill the vacancies in the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary; and the ballots being taken were committed to Messrs. Harrison and Condit, to count the votes and report to the Assembly.

This committee reported, and the report being read, the following persons were declared duly chosen directors of the Theological Seminary for three years; viz. Ashbel Green, D. D., John M'Dowell, D. D., Henry R. Weed, William Neill, D. D., Jacob J. Janeway, D. D., Ezra S. Ely, D. D., and John B. Ro-

meyn, D. D., *Ministers;* Messrs. Samuel Bayard, Thomas Bradford, jun., and Benjamin Strong, *Elders.*

The Narrative of the State of Religion was read, and after some amendments, was re-committed to the same committee, who were directed to have 1500 copies printed.

The committee appointed to examine the records of the Synod of New Jersey, reported, and the book was approved to the end of the record.

A memorial from the Associate Reformed Synod of the South, having been overtured, was taken up, and being read was referred to Dr. Blatchford, Dr. Leland and Mr. Arbuckle.

A memorial from the Synod of Ohio, requesting a re-hearing, having been overtured, was made the order of the day for Wednesday morning next.

The hearing of the report of the Board of Education, was made the order of the day for to-morrow morning.

Certain resolutions were submitted to the Assembly, calling for information respecting the pecuniary state of the Theological Seminary, at Princeton, which were committed to the directors of the Seminary, and they were authorized to procure from the treasurer of the Assembly any particulars necessary to prepare the statement, and give the information required.*

A memorial from a number of members of the Tammany Street Presbyterian church in the city of Baltimore, having been overtured, was taken up and read. After considerable discussion, it was *Resolved,* That it be committed to a special committee.

Adjourned till 4 o'clock, P. M. Concluded with prayer.

4 o'clock, P. M.

The Assembly met, and was constituted by prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

Dr. Blatchford, Dr. Hill, Rev. Mr. Patterson, Dr. Spring, and Mr. Wylie, were appointed a special committee on the memorial from certain members of the Tammany Street church in Baltimore.

The committee to which were referred the communications relating to Dr. Wheelock's estate, reported, and the report being read was adopted, and is as follows: viz. "That they have consulted some of the trustees of the General Assembly, and particularly a gentleman of the bar, belonging to that body.

The agents appointed by the last General Assembly, have promptly and ably discharged the duty assigned them. It appears from the correspondence between them and one of the heirs of Dr. Wheelock, that his representatives are disposed to do whatever is right in the case, and that in fact they have done all that honour and duty required.

Dr. Allen, President of Bowdoin College, and acting executor, suggests that it would be agreeable to have the bequest of his father-in-law conveyed to Dr. Miller, or Dr. Carnahan, and the successors of either of them, in trust for the benefit of the Seminary, so that the interest only shall be expended, and it may remain for ever a permanent and productive fund.

The committee recommend that the Assembly continue the Rev. Dr. Dana and the Rev. Mr. Williams of the Londonderry Presbytery, to be their agents, and that the whole business be referred to the trustees of the General Assembly, with full power to receive and vest the whole property, and close the whole concern in such way as they may think best."

Mr. Hyde resigned his seat to the Rev. Robert Steel, the alternate mentioned in the commission.

An overture on an alteration of the ratio of representation to the General Assembly was taken up, and after some discussion, was indefinitely postponed.

* This paper was attested and given to the Secretary of the Directors of the Theological Seminary.

An overture on the appointment of a committee to take into consideration the propriety of making certain alterations in the existing rules which govern the proceedings of the General Assembly, and, if necessary, alterations in the constitution of our church, was taken up, and after some discussion, it was resolved, that it be committed to Drs. Miller, Green, Alexander, and Janeway, and Mr. M'Cartee, to report on the subject to the next Assembly.

The report of the committee appointed by the last Assembly, to inquire what measures ought to be adopted for the better conducting of the business of the General Assembly, was again taken up, and being read, was committed to the committee last mentioned.

A protest and complaint of the Presbytery of Troy, against a decision of the Synod of Albany, were submitted by the judicial committee to the Assembly. After hearing some members of the Presbytery, and of the Synod on the subject, the protest and complaint were dismissed on account of the neglect of due formality in prosecuting them.

Messrs. Bull, Gillet and Henry Smith obtained leave of absence during the remaining sessions of this Assembly.

Adjourned till 9 o'clock to-morrow morning. Concluded with prayer.

June 1, 9 *o'clock, A. M.*

The Assembly met, and was constituted by prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

Mr. Talmadge obtained leave of absence during the remaining sessions of this Assembly, and Mr. Winne and Mr. James Kennedy obtained leave after the sessions of this day.

It being the order of the day, the Board of Education reported, and their report was accepted. Ordered that the foregoing report be printed in the Appendix.

The following resolution was submitted to the Assembly, and the consideration of it was made the order of the day for to-morrow: viz.

Resolved, That the Assembly be requested to authorize the Board of Education to select such young men as are contemplated by the constitution of the Board for the gospel ministry, and make provision for their support.

Mr. Nevins resigned his seat to Rev. William C. Walton, his alternate, and Mr. Walton took his seat as a member.

A memorial from the Synod of Kentucky was overtured on the subject of instituting a Seminary of learning within its bounds, upon scriptural principles, and to be entirely under its direction and control.

The memorial and accompanying papers being read, the following resolution was adopted: viz.

Resolved, That the memorial and papers from the Synod of Kentucky be referred to the Trustees of the General Assembly; and that they be directed to report to this Assembly their opinion on the practicability and expediency of the application.

The committee appointed to report to the Assembly what measures ought to be adopted in consequence of the charter of the Trustees of the Theological Seminary, reported, and their report being read was in part adopted; and the consideration of the remaining part of the report, was made the order of the day for the afternoon.

Mr. Ogden resigned his seat to Rev. Ezra S. Ely, D. D., his alternate.

An appeal of Mr. Donald M'Crimmon from a decision of the session of Ottery's church having been submitted to the Assembly by the Judicial Committee, was taken up; and Dr. Ely was, agreeably to the request of the appellant, appointed to support the appeal.

The documents on the subject were read, and Dr. Ely and Mr. M'Iver were

heard at some length, the former in support of the appeal, and the latter in defence of the decision of the session.

Adjourned till 4 o'clock, P. M. Concluded with prayer.

Four o'clock, P. M.

The Assembly met, and was constituted by prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

Messrs. Bruen, Douglass, and Caleb S. Green obtained leave of absence during the remaining sessions of this Assembly, after this day.

The order of the day for this afternoon was postponed, and the unfinished business of the morning was resumed; viz., the consideration of the appeal of Mr. M'Crimmon. The parties were heard till they were satisfied, and the roll was called, agreeably to a constitutional rule on the subject.

Dr. Leland, Mr. Robert Kennedy, and Mr. William L. Maccalla, were appointed a committee to prepare a minute proper to be adopted by the Assembly on the appeal.

The committee to which was referred the request of the Synod of Pittsburgh, to fix the boundary line between that Synod and the Synod of Ohio, so that the missionary station at Maumee shall be included within the bounds of the Synod of Pittsburgh, reported, and their report being read, was adopted, and is as follows: viz.

Resolved, That the section of the State of Ohio, lying west of that section commonly called the Connecticut Western Reserve, included between the parallel boundaries of said section, and including the site of the Maumee mission, under the direction of the Board of the Western Missionary Society, is to be considered, and hereby is declared to be within the jurisdiction of the Synod of Pittsburgh.

The committee appointed to examine the records of the Synod of Kentucky, reported, and the book was approved to page 77.

Messrs. Rawson, Hunter, Crane, Bergen, Thomas Mead, and Azariah Clark, obtained leave of absence during the remaining sessions of this Assembly.

A communication was received from the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary, recommending the following resolution, which was adopted: viz.

Resolved, That permission be, and the same is hereby granted, to the Rev. Charles Hodge, to erect, or cause to be erected, on the ground adjoining the Theological Seminary at Princeton, a good and substantial two story brick building, on such plan, and part of the lot, as may be agreed upon by the Board of Directors of the Seminary, and Professor Hodge; provided the said building shall not cost more than five thousand dollars. The said building is to be occupied by the Professor while he remains connected with the Seminary as a professor; but to be, and remain, the property of the Trustees of the Theological Seminary, and to be paid for in the following manner: As soon as the building is completed, and the actual cost ascertained, the Trustees of the Theological Seminary are hereby directed to execute a mortgage to the Rev. Charles Hodge, of the building and lot which may be set off for the use and convenience of the same, for the amount of the cost of the building, not exceeding five thousand dollars, and which sum shall not bear interest, so long as the said Charles Hodge shall hold and exercise the office of a Professor in said Seminary, and shall not be payable until five years after the death or removal of the said Charles Hodge from the Professorship, unless the Trustees may think proper to pay it off: provided, always, that an interest of six per cent. per annum, shall be paid on said mortgage, from the day of the death or removal of the said Charles Hodge, from his office of Professor in said Seminary.

Adjourned till 8 o'clock to-morrow morning. Concluded with prayer.

June 2, 8 *o'clock, A. M.*

The Assembly met, and was constituted by prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

Mr. Hodge resigned his seat to the Rev. Archibald Alexander, D. D., the principal mentioned in their commission, and Dr. Alexander took his seat as a member.

An appeal of Mr. E. Mason from a decision of the Synod of Geneva, having been submitted to the Assembly by the Judicial Committee, was taken up, and Dr. Ely was appointed to support the appeal. The documents on the subject were read, and Dr. Ely and the Commissioners from the Synod were fully heard. The roll having been called agreeably to a constitutional rule, Messrs. John Clark, Squier and King, were appointed a committee to prepare a minute proper to be adopted by the Assembly on the subject.

A communication was received from the trustees of the Assembly on the subject of Dr. Boudinot's bequest, containing a report made to that Board by a committee of their body, in relation to a proposal of the executors of Dr. Boudinot's last will, made to the last Assembly, and by them referred to the trustees of the General Assembly; and recommending the following resolution, which being read, was adopted, viz.

Resolved, That the propositions contained in the letter of Richard Stockton, Esq., on behalf of the executors of the late Dr. Boudinot, be accepted, and approved, and the trustees of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian church in the United States, hereby are authorized and directed to take all lawful ways and means, to bring about a settlement of the estate of the late Dr. Boudinot, accordant to the wishes, and propositions of the executors, as expressed to the General Assembly, during the life of Mrs. Bradford, one of said executors and trustees, in the same manner as is authorized and directed in the will of the testator, after her decease.

Messrs. Stone, Lathrop, Lewis and Mills obtained leave of absence during the remaining sessions of this Assembly.

The Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary made the following report, which was adopted, viz.

The Board have procured from the Treasurer of the trustees of the General Assembly, the following statement of the permanent funds of the Institution, the interest of which only can be used, viz.

Permanent Funds - - - - - - - -	$22,012 21
Professorships.	
Synod of New York and New Jersey, - - - -	8,234 07
Synod of Philadelphia, - - - - - - -	2,732 84
Southern Synods, - - - - - - - -	11,395 54
	$44,374 66

From the information of the Treasurer, the Board also learn, that the trustees of the General Assembly have under their authority, and by the direction of the Assembly, from time to time, borrowed sums to meet the current expenses of the institution which now amount to $11,000.

The present current expenses of the institution, for the payment of the salaries of the Professors as voted by the General Assembly, amount to $4,200. The other contingent expenses for the current year, the Board supposes will be met by the room-rent, now called general expense fund, authorized some years since by the Assembly.

The Assembly then have to provide ways and means to meet at least the following expenditure through the ensuing year, viz.

Professors' Salaries, - - - - - - - - - -	$4,200
Interest on the $11,000 loan, at 6 per cent. - - - -	660
	$4,860

To meet this expenditure, the Assembly have the following means, viz.

Interest of Permanent Fund and Professorships at 6 per cent.	$2,662 47
Contingent Fund in the hands of the Treasurer, - - -	444 00
Proceeds of Dr. Wheelock's legacy, supposed about - -	500 00
	$3,606 47
Leaving a balance of expenditure through the ensuing year to be provided for by the Assembly of - - - - -	$1254 00

To provide for this balance, and at the same time to increase the Permanent Fund, that the Assembly may have the means of supporting the Institution in years to come, the Board beg leave to recommend the adoption of the following resolutions, viz.

1. That it be earnestly recommended to the churches under the care of this Assembly to make as soon as practicable a collection for the Contingent Fund, and transmit the same to Mr. Isaac Snowden, Treasurer of the Trustees of the General Assembly, Philadelphia. And the Board of Directors, if they judge it expedient, are hereby authorized to direct a circular letter, postage paid, to the congregations on this subject.

2. *Resolved*, That the Rev. John McDowell, D. D., be, and he hereby is appointed a general agent, to solicit funds for the Seminary, with discretionary powers, as to the places in which he shall pursue his agency.

3. *Resolved*, That the Rev. Henry R. Weed be, and he hereby is appointed an agent, within the bounds of the Northern Synods of Albany, Geneva, and Genessee, with like discretionary powers, within the bounds of said Synods.

4. *Resolved*, That Dr. Ashbel Green, Dr. William Neill, Dr. Ely, Robert Ralston, and John M'Mullin, be a committee, with power to appoint other agents, and prescribe their routes; and further to direct the compensation of agents, and provide for the supply of their pulpits, while engaged in their agency.

5. *Resolved*, That the agents be and they are hereby directed in their solicitations, to pay particular attention to the increase of the Permanent Fund, and when they solicit for the Permanent Fund, within the bounds of the Synods which have resolved to endow Professorships in the Seminary, the agents are hereby directed to solicit for the endowment of said Professorships.

The memorial from the Synod of Ohio, in the case of Mr. Samuel Lowry, having been overtured, was taken up, and the documents on the subject and also a paper signed by Mr. Lowry were read. After a considerable discussion, the memorial was committed to Dr. Alexander, Mr. Beman and Mr. Green, to prepare a minute proper to be adopted by the Assembly on the subject.

Adjourned till 4 o'clock, P. M. Concluded with prayer.

4 o'clock, P. M.

The Assembly met, and was constituted by prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

Mr. Lee obtained leave of absence during the remaining sessions of this Assembly, and Messrs. Lyman and Day, and Dr. Herron obtained leave of absence after this day.

The treasurer presented a copy of his annual account, as settled and approved

by the Board of Trustees, which was laid on the table for the inspection of the members.

The committee to which had been referred the Synodical and Presbyterial reports, reported, and their report being read, it was directed that the Stated Clerk transcribe it into the Compendious View; and it was agreed that the following part be entered on the minutes, viz.

From the Compendious View it appears, that there are under the care of the General Assembly, thirteen Synods, comprising seventy-seven Presbyteries. Eight of the Synods, and all of the Presbyteries, have sent up to this Assembly reports, more or less complete. All the Presbyteries have reported the names and number of ministers and congregations; and nearly all have reported the number of licentiates and candidates. Seventy-four Presbyteries, and 1092 congregations have reported the number of communicants; and seventy-three Presbyteries, and 902 congregations have reported the number of baptisms. Deducting the number of Presbyteries and congregations who have reported upon these subjects respectively, from the whole number under the care of the Assembly, there remain three Presbyteries and 587 congregations who have made no report on the number of communicants, and four Presbyteries, and 777 congregations, who have not reported the number of baptisms. Generally, however, the congregations delinquent in these particulars, are those which are small, and without pastors.

Forty-six Presbyteries have reported collections for the Missionary Fund; leaving 31 which have made no report on this subject. Sixty-three Presbyteries report on the Commissioners' Fund; 13 on the Presbyterial Fund; 47 on the Education Fund; and 21 have reported collections for the Theological Seminary.

Upon the whole, though many of the reports are, in some respects, considerably deficient, yet it is believed that the reports of the present year are more complete than those of any former year. And the Assembly are gratified to find, that the Presbyteries and congregations under their care, are paying an increasing attention to this subject.

The Stated Clerk was directed to add to the report, any further particulars which he may receive from the Presbyteries, to supply the deficiencies there are in several of the Presbyterial reports.

The committee to which was referred the petition of certain individuals, members of the congregation in Tammany street, Baltimore, reported, and their report being read and amended was adopted, and is as follows; viz.

That while it is unquestionably the privilege of individuals and members of the Presbyterian Church, when they think they see the peace, purity, or prosperity of the church in danger, either from an individual, or from an inferior court, to apply to the General Assembly, in an orderly manner, for redress or direction, yet, in such cases, unless they mean to come forward as prosecutors, with the necessary testimony, they should most carefully avoid mentioning names connected with charges of the most serious kind, in support of which no evidence has been orderly adduced; nor have the individuals thus accused, had an opportunity of replying to those charges, or of making any defence of themselves: The Assembly, therefore, cannot witness a procedure of this kind, without expressing their disapprobation of it. But, inasmuch as this step may have arisen from inadvertency, or a want of information respecting the course proper to be taken in such a case; and as the petitioners declared, that it was not their design or intention to exhibit charges against the persons whose names were mentioned in the petition, but that their only object was to bring the subject of this petition before the Assembly, that they might obtain an expression of the sentiments of the Assembly on the importance and binding character of the Confession of Faith, as recognized by the Presbyterian Church; the committee beg leave to report the following: viz.

1. That, in the opinion of this Assembly, Confessions of Faith, containing formulas of doctrine, and rules for conducting the discipline and worship proper to be maintained in the house of God, are not only recognized as necessary and expedient, but as the character of human nature is continually aiming at innovation, absolutely requisite to the settled peace of the church, and to the happy and orderly existence of Christian communion. Within the limits of Christendom, few are to be found in the attitude of avowed hostility to Christianity. The name of Christian is claimed by all, and all are ready to profess their belief in the Holy Scriptures; too many reserving to themselves the right of putting upon them what construction they please. In such a state of things, without the aid of Confessions, Christian fellowship can exist only in a very limited degree, and the disorder of the Corinthian church, condemned by the Apostle, would be realized: "*I am of Paul, and I of Apollos.*"

2. That though the Confession of Faith, and standards of our church, are of no original authority, independent of the Scriptures, yet we regard them as a summary of those divine truths which are diffused throughout the sacred volume.

They, as a system of doctrines, therefore, cannot be abandoned in our opinion, without an abandonment of the word of God. They form a bond of fellowship in the faith of the gospel, and the General Assembly cannot but believe the precious immortals under their care, to be more safe in receiving the truth of God's holy word, as exhibited in the standards of our church, than in being subject to the guidance of any instructor, whoever he may be, who may have confidence enough to set up his own opinions in opposition to the system of doctrines, which men of sound learning, full of the Holy Ghost, and mighty in the Scriptures, have devised from the oracles of the living God. It should never be forgotten, that the church is solemnly cautioned against the danger of being carried about by every wind of doctrine.

3. This Confession of Faith, adopted by our church, contains a system of doctrines professedly believed by the people and the pastors under the care of the General Assembly, nor can it be traduced by any in the communion of our church, without subjecting the erring parties to that salutary discipline, which hath for its object the maintenance of the peace and purity of the church, under the government of her great Master.

Finally, The General Assembly recommend to all who are under their care, steadfastly to resist every temptation, however presented, which may have for its object the relaxation of those bonds of Christian fellowship, which have hitherto been so eminently blessed of God, for the order, edification, and extension of the Presbyterian church, and conclude with the words of the holy Apostle: "*Now we beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.*"

Messrs. Squier, Clayton and Alexander obtained leave of absence during the remaining sessions of this Assembly.

Mr. Wallace resigned his seat to Mr. Samuel M'Learn, his alternate, and Mr. M'Learn took his seat as a member.

Adjourned till 9 o'clock to-morrow morning. Concluded with prayer.

June 3, 9 *o'clock, A. M.*

The Assembly met, and was constituted by prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

Mr. White of the Presbytery of Philadelphia, resigned his seat to Mr. Alexander Henry, his alternate, and Mr. Henry took his seat as a member.

Messrs. Condit, Root, John F. Clark, John Clark and Parker, obtained leave

of absence during the remaining sessions of this Assembly, after this morning, and Mr. Snowden obtained leave after this day.

The committee appointed on the report of the Board of Missions, reported, and their report being read and amended, was adopted, and is as follows, viz.

1. That the report of the Board be approved.

2. That the Trustees be directed, and they hereby are directed, to issue a warrant, for the payment of the sum now due to the Missionaries which have been employed by the Board, and the committee recommend that the Assembly pass the following resolution.

Resolved, That it be recommended, and it hereby is most earnestly recommended to all the churches under our care, most seriously to consider the thousands of families in our new states and territories, growing up, and forming constituent parts of this great Republic, almost wholly without the preached word: and in order more efficiently to aid the operations of the Board, that the annual Missionary collection be not divided, and that one whole collection be taken up once a year for this purpose.

The committee appointed to draw up a minute expressive of the mind of the Assembly on the memorial of the Synod of Ohio, submitted the following, which was adopted, viz.

The General Assembly having heard the memorial of the Synod of Ohio, complaining of the decision of the last General Assembly, on the appeal of Samuel Lowry, against the judgment of said Synod; and having heard also the memorial of the appellant, in opposition to that of the Synod, and various other documents intended to furnish information on the subject, after mature deliberation, adopted the following resolutions, viz.

1. This Assembly has no authority to reverse the judicial acts of a former General Assembly, except in cases of such palpable error, as would manifestly tend to interfere with the substantial administration of justice.

2. This Assembly are of opinion, that Mr. Lowry complied with the rule of the book of discipline, respecting the notice given, in the case of his appeal; but as this notice appears not to have been received by the Synod, they were not censurable for not sending up the records.

3. This Assembly are of opinion that the correct mode of proceeding for the last General Assembly, would have been, to have suspended a decision on the appeal, until the records of the inferior judicatories should have been present, because the rules in our form of government prescribe, that before a judgment is given, all the proceedings of the inferior judicatories in the case should be read, and it is a sound maxim, generally admitted in courts of justice, that the best evidence which the case admits of should be required, which in all trials is undoubtedly the record of the judicatory. But while they entertain this opinion of the mode of proceeding, they believe that the decision of the last General Assembly was substantially correct, and was not different from what it would have been if they had had all the proceedings of the inferior judicatories before them: for the fact on which they founded their judgment, has been fully confirmed to this Assembly, by the records which have been read in the discussion of the case. And this Assembly concur in opinion with the last General Assembly, that the special session, appointed by the Presbytery of Miami, for the trial of S. Lowry, was an unconstitutional court; and that all the proceedings of that body in this case, and of the Presbytery of Miami and of the Synod of Ohio, sanctioning the acts of that body, are irregular. And the allegation of the Synod, in their memorial, that this body, though called a session, was in reality no more than a committee of Presbytery, is incorrect; for they are not only denominated a session but they performed the acts which belong peculiarly to a church session; they sat in judgment upon a member of the church and an elder, and condemned

and suspended him; but no Presbytery has authority, according to the constitution of our church, to delegate to a committee a power to perform such acts as those. Now as this court which tried S. Lowry, and from which the appeal was originally taken, had no authority to condemn him, his appeal ought on that ground to have been sustained.

4. But the decision of the last General Assembly did not preclude a new trial in the constitutional way, but provided for it in the following words, "if Mr. Lowry has done anything offensive, he ought to be tried by the courts that have been instituted by the constitution of our church."

Neither have the merits of the cause been at all prejudged by the decision of the last Assembly, nor by the opinion expressed by the present Assembly.

5. Finally, the Assembly cannot but express their disapprobation, of the concluding paragraph of the memorial of the Synod of Ohio, in which they say, "the Synod consider the judgments entered upon their records against Samuel Lowry in October 1822, as remaining in full force, &c."

This declaration, notwithstanding the respectful expressions of the Synod, is apparently wanting in the respect due from an inferior to a superior judicatory; and is repugnant to the radical principles of the government of the Presbyterian church. If an inferior court has authority to declare that its own decisions are in force, after they have been reversed by a superior court, then all appeals are nugatory, and our system, as it relates to judicial proceedings, is utterly subverted. The Assembly are willing to believe, however, that the Synod of Ohio did not mean to set themselves in opposition to the highest judicatory of the church, and that when they have reconsidered the matter, they will rescind what is so manifestly inconsistent with the principles of the constitution, which they have bound themselves to support.

Mr. Timlow and Mr. Gould obtained leave of absence during the remaining sessions of this Assembly.

The committee appointed to prepare a minute on the appeal of Mr. Donald M'Crimmon, from a decision of the session of Ottery's church, suspending him from the office of ruling elder, and from the privileges of the church, reported, and their report being read, was accepted. After some discussion, the further consideration of it was postponed, and the subject of the appeal was committed to Drs. Blatchford, Richards, Chester, Romeyn, M'Dowell, Miller and Janeway, maturely to consider the subject, and report on it to the next Assembly. Mr. M'Crimmon was suspended on account of marrying the sister of his deceased wife.

The committee appointed to appropriate the avails of moneys in the hands of the trustees of the college of New Jersey, reported that they had paid attention to the business. Their report was accepted, and Rev. Charles Hodge and Rev. Eli F. Cooley were appointed a committee to make an appropriation of the moneys for the current year.

Messrs. Stewart, Bradstreet and Meriam obtained leave of absence during the remaining sessions of this Assembly.

Adjourned till 4 o'clock, P. M. Concluded with prayer.

4 o'clock, P. M.

The Assembly met, and was constituted by prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

Mr. Le Conte obtained leave of absence during the remaining sessions of this Assembly.

Resolved, That all the minutes of this Assembly be published, except those which the Assembly shall by a vote determine are not to be printed; and the Stated Clerk was appointed to superintend the printing.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk cause to be published with the minutes, the

names of Synods and Presbyteries; of ministers and congregations; the number of communicants in each congregation, the licentiates, and the number of candidates in each Presbytery; and, as far as practicable, the nearest post-office to each minister.

The committee on the charter of the Theological Seminary at Princeton, reported, and recommended the following resolutions, which were adopted: viz.

1. *Resolved*, That the charter, with its supplement, be published in the appendix to the minutes of the present year.

2. *Resolved*, That the trustees of the Theological Seminary of the Presbyterian Church, be directed to hold their first meeting at Princeton, on Tuesday preceding the next annual commencement of New Jersey college, and the present temporary clerk of this Assembly, is hereby directed to give notice to each member at least ten days previous to said meeting.

3. *Resolved*, That the individual trustees, who hold in trust the real estate at Princeton, transfer said property to the incorporated trustees of the Seminary.

4. *Resolved*, That in voting for Trustees of the Theological Seminary of the Presbyterian Church, the Assembly adopt the rules which exist in relation to voting for Trustees of the General Assembly, found in the Digest, pages 198 and 199.

Resolved, That there be appropriated to meet the current expenses of the Theological Seminary for the ensuing year, the sum of $4200, in addition to the unexpended balance of the appropriation of the last Assembly.

The committee to which was referred the memorial of the Associate Reformed Synod of the South, on the subject of the library transferred to the General Assembly, by the General Synod of the Associate Reformed Church, reported, and their report being read was adopted, and is as follows: viz.

The General Synod of the Associate Reformed Church, in May, 1821, previous to the formation of the connection between the General Synod and the General Assembly, received a petition from the Synod of the South, praying permission to form themselves into a sister co-ordinate Synod, dated 4th of April, 1821; with which petition the General Synod did comply. The Assembly's right to the library under the surrender of the General Associate Reformed Synod, on this, as well as on other justifiable grounds, your committee think ought not therefore to be questioned. And your committee beg leave to recommend this report, as a proper answer to the memorial presented by their brethren of the Associate Reformed Synod of the South.

The committee appointed to prepare a minute on the subject of an appeal to this Assembly by Elijah Mason, from the decision of the Synod of Geneva, reported, and the report being read and amended was adopted, and is as follows, viz. That the decision of the Synod of Geneva, sustaining the appeal of the session of Preble, from the decision of the Presbytery of Onondaga, be, and it is hereby reversed.

The committee appointed to examine the records of the Synod of Ohio, reported. The report was adopted, and is as follows: viz.

That the minutes be approved to page 191, with the exception of the minutes on page 169, where a select Session was appointed by the Presbytery of Miami, which in the judgment of the Assembly was unconstitutional, and of which the Synod has taken no notice.

The Presbytery of Carlisle requested of the Assembly an explanation of the 7th section of the 13th chapter of the book of discipline, which has reference to an elder laying aside the exercise of his office.

Resolved, That it is inexpedient for the General Assembly to give an interpretation of the article of the Form of Government, requested by the Presbytery of Carlisle, until a particular case under that article shall regularly come before them.

The following extract from the minutes of the Second Presbyterian Church of Alexandria, D. C., was overtured: viz.

At a special meeting on the 19th of May, 1824. As it was resolved unanimously at a meeting of the congregation, on the 1st of January last, that a petition be presented to the Presbytery of Winchester, for a dismission to join the Presbytery of the District of Columbia, this request having been preferred to that body at their last meeting, and they deeming themselves incompetent to decide on this application, directed it to be made to the General Assembly.

It was therefore on motion, resolved, that the General Assembly be requested at their approaching sessions, to annex the Second Presbyterian congregation of Alexandria, to the Presbytery of the District of Columbia.

It appearing that all the parties concerned had acquiesced, it was resolved, that the request of the congregation of Alexandria be granted, and it is hereby granted, and the congregation is attached to the Presbytery of the District of Columbia.

Dr. Green, the editor of the Christian Advocate, made the following communication, which having been overtured, was read: viz.

That when he commenced his editorship, January, 1823; he gave a pledge that a tythe of the profits should be devoted to Christian charities—that no profit accrued to him the first year; but that there is a prospect there will be a profit this year, which will be worthy the attention of the Assembly, and he therefore requested that a committee be appointed to make a distribution of the tythe of any profit which may accrue.

Whereupon it was resolved, that Drs. Janeway and Brodhead, and Mr. John M'Mullin, be appointed a committee for this purpose.

A communication was received from the American Colonization Society, requesting the Assembly to recommend to their churches, to take up, on the 4th of July next, being the Sabbath, a collection for said society. After considering this communication, the Assembly adopted the following resolution, viz.

Resolved, That whilst the Assembly still highly approve the object of the Colonization Society, they deem it most expedient to leave the churches and individuals under their care, to the exercise of their own discretion on this subject.

From the above resolution, so far as it approves of the objects of the Colonization Society, the Rev. Dyer Burgess and Mr. Robert Patterson, dissented.

Dr. Ralston, Mr. Snodgrass and Mr. Woods obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of this Assembly.

Adjourned till 8 o'clock to-morrow morning. Concluded with prayer.

June 4, 8 *o'clock, A. M.*

The Assembly met, and was constituted by prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

Mr. Amos Slaymaker obtained leave of absence during the remaining sessions of this Assembly.

Mr. Craighead's appeal from the Synod of Kentucky was taken up. All the documents in the case being read, and Dr. Ely on the part of Mr. Craighead, and the Synod being heard at some length,

The Assembly adjourned till 4 o'clock, P. M. Concluded with prayer.

4 *o'clock, P. M.*

The Assembly met, and was constituted by prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The Trustees of the General Assembly reported that they were unable to

raise the sum of $2000 directed by the vote of the last Assembly, for the purposes of the Seminary, in any other manner than by pledging $2000 of 6 per cent. stock, which they directed to be done on February 9th, 1824, at which time the salaries of the Professors were in arrear for several weeks. The money was obtained at 5 per cent. per annum.

Resolved, That the Assembly approve of the conduct of the Trustees, in the foregoing case.

Dr. Blatchford and Mr. Stafford obtained leave of absence from the sessions of the Assembly, after to-day.

Whereas many members of the General Assembly are from year to year in the habit of asking leave of absence long before its sessions are closed; and, whereas, in receiving and acting upon these applications, much of the time of the Assembly is consumed, and much of the most important business has to be transacted by few members: Therefore,

Resolved, 1. That the Presbyteries be directed to pay particular attention to the following minute, found in vol. 1. page 308, of Printed Extracts, and also in Digest, page 76, viz. "The Presbyteries are informed that their commissioners should attend, with the expectation that the sessions will be of two weeks' continuance, and that arrangements should be made accordingly."

2. That it be recommended to the Presbyteries to inform their commissioners when they accept an appointment, that it is expected they will continue in the Assembly until the close of its sessions; unless some unforeseen and imperious reason should require them to ask leave of absence.

3. That each Presbytery require their commissioners to report whether they attended the sessions of the Assembly the whole time; and that the report of the commissioners on this subject be recorded on the minutes of the Presbytery.

The case of Mr. Craighead was resumed, and the parties having been heard at full length, the roll was called, and the members expressed their opinions on the subject, after which Dr. Alexander, Dr. Hill and Mr. Gray, were appointed a committee to prepare a minute proper to be adopted by the Assembly on the subject.

Mr. Rennie and Mr. Mellen obtained leave of absence during the remaining sessions of this Assembly.

Adjourned till 8 o'clock to-morrow morning. Concluded with prayer.

June 5, 8 *o'clock, A. M.*

The Assembly met, and was constituted by prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

Mr. Wood obtained leave of absence during the remaining sessions of this Assembly.

The trustees of the Assembly to whom had been referred an application from the agents of the Synod of Kentucky, relative to instituting a seminary of learning, within its bounds, reported, and their report being read, was adopted, and is as follows, viz.

That, on due examination of the papers containing this application, a feeling was produced peculiarly favourable to the wishes of the highly respectable source from which it emanated; and to have acquiesced in the proposition consistently with a sense of duty, would have been a personal gratification to the trustees. They, however, are constrained (without entering into the constitutional powers vested in the trustees, to meet this object, or considering the effects of precedent on future cases of a similar nature,) that, in their opinion, the funds of the General Assembly, might be involved by the authority necessarily required from a principal to its agents, so as to endanger the sphere of usefulness to which those funds are now applicable; and further, that the power asked for, being irre-

vocable, except in the event of the legislature of Kentucky granting a satisfactory act of incorporation, exposes the trustees to the continuance of a connection, after experience had demonstrated that it operated unfavourably to the general interests of the Assembly, though in a degree favourable to the establishment in Kentucky. The following resolution is, therefore, respectfully submitted to the consideration of the Assembly.

Resolved, That whilst the trustees of the General Assembly entertain the most cordial feelings in favour of the design of the Synod of Kentucky, and highly approve of their endeavours to establish "a school, in which literature and science, blended with the doctrines of the word of God, shall be taught;" they are of opinion, and respectfully report to the Assembly, that it is not expedient to concur in the request of the Synod of Kentucky, inasmuch as it is inconsistent with the design of the Act of Assembly by which the trustees are incorporated, and might be attended with results injurious to the sphere of usefulness to which the funds of the General Assembly are now applicable.

The Assembly entered on the consideration of the two appeals of the Rev. Robert B. Dobbins, from the decision of the Synod of Kentucky, in the cases of the Rev. William L. Maccalla, and the session of the church of Augusta. The Rev. Dr. E. S. Ely appeared in behalf of Mr. Dobbins. The parties were heard until they declared themselves satisfied, (the facts having been admitted by them, and the reading of the documents by consent dispensed with.) The roll was then called, that the members of the Assembly might express their opinions on the subject; after which Drs. Wylie, M'Dowell, and Leland, were appointed a committee to prepare a minute on the subject.

Resolved, That the Board of Education be, and hereby are authorized to select and educate such young men as are contemplated by the constitution of that Board.

The committee appointed to draft a minute proper to be adopted by the Assembly in relation to the appeal of the Rev. Thomas B. Craighead, from a decision of the Synod of Kentucky, reported, and their report was read.

Adjourned till 4 o'clock, P. M. Concluded with prayer.

Four o'clock, P. M.

The Assembly met, and was constituted by prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The consideration of the report of the committee appointed to prepare a minute on the subject of Mr. Craighead's appeal from a decision of the Synod of Kentucky, suspending him from the gospel ministry on certain charges of heresy, founded on a sermon preached before the Synod, was resumed, and after some discussion, the report was adopted, and is as follows: viz.

"1. The General Assembly are of opinion that the conduct of Mr. Craighead in preaching such a sermon, and in such circumstances, before the Synod of Kentucky, especially as he had been suspected by his brethren of holding erroneous opinions, was highly reprehensible.

2. The General Assembly approve the conduct of the Synod in relation to this matter. While they were firm and zealous in maintaining what they believed to be truth, they were, to an uncommon degree, respectful and affectionate in their manner of dealing with Mr. Craighead. As the sermon was delivered in their hearing, believing as they did, that it contained dangerous error, they were bound to take notice of it, and express their opinion to the preacher.

3. But they cannot approve the conduct of Mr. Craighead when before the Synod. He indeed manifested a lofty and independent spirit, that would not be controlled by authority, and there was not exhibited a due respect for the Synod, as an acknowledged judicatory of the church of Christ. His conduct was not respectful and conciliatory; which certainly was a return that their

tenderness to him called for; but it was that of a bold and confident controvertist, who sets his opponents at defiance.

4. The publication of this sermon and defence, by Mr. Craighead, after he had been so earnestly entreated by the Synod, "not to offend against the doctrines of the confession and the feelings of his Christian brethren," was even more reprehensible, as far as evidence is before us, than the first preaching of it.

5. The Presbytery of Transylvania, to which Mr. Craighead belonged, in the faithful discharge of their duty, could not have connived at such conduct. They acted properly, therefore, in calling upon Mr. Craighead, to answer for this publication. Indeed, they deserve much commendation for their watchfulness, zeal, and firmness, in promptly meeting an evil which threatened greatly to injure the welfare of the church. And when it is considered, that the man with whom they had to deal, was distinguished for his learning and eloquence, reputable in his character and standing in society, and venerable for his age, it was a duty of no small difficulty and self-denial, which they were called to perform. But they did not shrink from it. Therefore, whatever may have been their errors in the manner of conducting this business, or the errors of the Synod, it is the opinion of the General Assembly, that they performed their duty in difficult circumstances; and that their whole proceedings were prompted by pure and conscientious motives.

6. It is not surprising, that in a case so new and difficult, some considerable errors in point of form should have occurred; the principal of these, the General Assembly will now briefly point out.

There was a great deficiency in the charges preferred against Mr. Craighead as it relates to precision. All charges for heresy should be as definite as possible. The article, or articles of faith impugned, should be specified, and the words supposed to be heretical, shown to be in repugnance to these articles; whether the reference is made directly to the Scripture, as a standard of orthodoxy; or to the Confession of Faith, which our church holds to be a summary of the doctrines of Scripture. But in none of the charges against Mr. Craighead is this done; and in two of them, (third and fourth,) it would be very difficult to say, what articles of faith are supposed to be contravened in the errors charged on Mr. Craighead. And the last two charges appear to be so vague and indefinite, as to be incapable of proof. In the fifth, Mr. Craighead is charged with perverting, &c., the sentiments of the preachers and writers in our connection. Now in our connection, there are a multitude of preachers and writers differing by many shades of opinion from each other. How then can this be a just ground of accusation? In the sixth, he is charged with the false colouring of facts, &c. But no facts are established by evidence; none are specified in the charge; and to make it a just ground of accusation, it ought to have been a designed and malicious discolouring of the facts, &c.

In the progress of this case, the Presbytery proceeded regularly to cite the accused, once and again, and upon his not appearing, they proceeded to the trial, and having gone through the evidence, they referred the whole to the Synod to adjudicate upon it, with the expression of their own opinion, that Mr. Craighead ought to be suspended. The Synod met immediately after Presbytery, and took up the case, and in concurrence with the opinion of the Presbytery, suspended Mr. Craighead from the gospel ministry.

In this proceeding, the General Assembly are of opinion, that there was too much haste. Mr. Craighead was not guilty of contumacy, for he wrote two letters to the Presbytery, excusing himself for non-attendance; and if he had been guilty of contumacy, he ought to have been suspended on that ground. Perhaps no man ought to be tried on charges preferred, and to be supported by evidence, who is not present, without his own consent. A trial, in the nature of things, cannot be impartial, when there is but one party heard. And in

this case, no injury would have been sustained by delay, for the Synod might have proceeded instantly to condemn the errors of Mr. Craighead's book, as the General Assembly did in the case of *The Gospel Plan* of W. C. Davis; the process against the author, however, did not commence till some time afterwards. But, however this may be, the General Assembly think that the Synod were in too much haste. It was reasonable, that Mr. Craighead should have been informed of this transfer of the cause, to a higher tribunal.

There is only one other thing in the proceedings on which the General Assembly will remark; which is, that *statements* were given as evidence, by the members of Presbytery, which are not recorded, and which do not appear to have been given under the usual solemnity of an oath.

But from matters of form, the General Assembly will now pass to the merits of the case; and for the sake of brevity, the first and second charges only shall be brought into view.

Charge 1. "We charge him with denying and vilifying the real agency of the Spirit in regeneration, and in the production of faith and sanctification in general."

And first, they would observe, that there can be no doubt, that the denial of the *real agency of the Spirit* is a dangerous and fundamental error; and if Mr. Craighead taught such an error, he ought to have been suspended.

The question then is, Do the passages of Mr. Craighead's sermon, referred to in the charge, prove that he did deny the *reality* of the operations of the Spirit?

Here, it will be important to remark, that a man cannot fairly be convicted of heresy, for using expressions which may be so interpreted as to involve heretical doctrines, if they may also admit of a more favourable construction: Because, no one can tell in what sense an ambiguous expression is used, but the speaker or writer, and he has a right to explain himself; and in such cases, candour requires that a court should favour the accused, by putting on his words the more favourable, rather than the less favourable construction.

Another principle is, that no man can rightly be convicted of heresy by inference or implication; that is, we must not charge an accused person with holding those consequences which may legitimately flow from his assertions. Many men are grossly inconsistent with themselves; and while it is right, in argument, to overthrow false opinions, by tracing them in their connections and consequences, it is not right to charge any man with an opinion which he disavows.

With these principles in view, the General Assembly proceed to observe, that there is abundant evidence, that Mr. Craighead did deny the *immediate agency* of the Spirit, but no clear evidence that he denied the *real agency* of the Spirit. These are very different things, and the proof of the one, does by no means establish the other. *Immediate* agency or operation, is opposed to *mediate*. This is a well known distinction in theology; and a point which has been greatly controverted. The Reformed Church, of which ours is a part, in all their purest times, maintained the doctrine of the immediate operation of the Spirit, not without the word, but distinct from it, and in the order of nature preceding it. Other Protestant churches, never charged with fundamental error, have as uniformly maintained the doctrine of a *mediate* agency; and those commonly believe, that this operation is not occasional, but uniform, and diversified in its effects, by the difference of resistance with which it meets. Neither the Presbytery nor the Synod appear to have attended sufficiently to this distinction. They appear to have thought, that a denial of *immediate agency*, was a denial of all *real* agency. It deserves special *regard* here, that our Confession takes no notice of these nice distinctions, about the mode in which the Holy Spirit operates. It usually mentions the word and the Spirit together, and the former

as the instrument of the latter. And they who believe in the immediate agency of the Spirit do not exclude the instrumentality of the word; they however explain it in a different way from those who hold, that there is no agency of the Spirit, distinct from the word. But this is the more favourable construction; there is another, which if not more probable, is more obvious. Mr. Craighead may be understood as teaching, that the only real agency of the Spirit was in inspiring the Scriptures, and confirming them by signs and miracles. There is much in his discourse, that has this bearing; and undoubtedly this is the common impression among the people where it is best known. This was the idea of the Synod of Kentucky, when they condemned him; and this is, in fact, denying the reality of the operation of the Spirit, in our days: and whether his expressions have been fairly interpreted or not, they are dangerous, and ought to be condemned. In justice to Mr. Craighead, however, it ought to be remembered, that he utterly disclaims this meaning, in his defence sent up to this Assembly. And would it be fair to continue to charge upon him opinions which he solemnly disavows? Of the sincerity of his disavowal, God is the judge. The conclusion is, that the first charge, though supported by strong probabilities, is not so conclusively established as to remove all doubt, because the words adduced in proof, will bear a different construction from that put on them by the Presbytery and Synod.

The evidence in support of the second charge is still less clear and conclusive. The charge is,

"We charge him with denying, vilifying and misrepresenting the doctrine of divine foreordination, and sovereignty, and election.

It might, perhaps, be shown by argument, that Mr. Craighead uses many expressions not consistent with these doctrines; but agreeably to the principle laid down above, he must not be charged with holding these consequences unless he has avowed them. These passages of his discourse, it is true, contain erroneous and offensive things, but they do not establish the charge of denying, vilifying, &c In one single instance, he seems to deny, that every thing should be referred to the sovereignty of God's will; but the words in their connection, may have an innocent meaning. Here again it must be observed, that Mr. Craighead solemnly declares his belief in the doctrine of decrees and election, as expressed in our standards.

But whilst the General Assembly are of opinion that the charges against Mr. Craighead are not clearly and fully supported by the references, they feel it to be their duty to say, that the impression which they have received from hearing extracts from this discourse, are very unfavourable; and they do believe, that Mr. Craighead by preaching and printing this sermon, did subject himself justly to censure.

Moreover, the Assembly are of opinion, that the doctrines of this sermon, in the most favourable construction, are different from those of the Reformed Churches, and of our church, and are erroneous; although the error is not of fundamental importance. They have observed also, that this discourse contains many unjust and illiberal reflections on the doctrines which have been the common and uniform belief of the great majority of the preachers and writers of the Reformed Churches. He mentions the names of a few persons as favouring the doctrine which he opposes; but he might have put into the list almost every standard writer of our own and sister churches, since the Reformation.

The sermon also contains much declamation which confounds fanaticism and piety; and representations of opinions which are true and important, so associated with error and absurdity, as to exhibit them in a ridiculous and odious light.

Finally, the General Assembly are deeply impressed with the evidences of an improper spirit, and an evil tendency in this sermon, and are of opinion that Mr.

Craighead ought so to retract or explain his sentiments, as to afford reasonable satisfaction to his brethren.

Whereupon, *Resolved*, That as the proceedings in the case of Mr. Craighead have been, in many respects, irregular, and he has suffered much injury from the delay produced by these irregularities: And whereas also, the charges are not so conclusively established as to remove all doubt, the General Assembly cannot see their way clear finally to confirm the sentence of the Synod of Kentucky, although they are of opinion, that Mr. Craighead has subjected himself, by preaching and printing this sermon, to just censure. But as Mr. Craighead has had no fair opportunity of vindicating himself, or of making satisfactory explanations or retractions, therefore,

Resolved, That the whole cause be transmitted to the Presbytery of West Tennessee, in the bounds of which Mr. Craighead resides; and that they be directed to give him an early opportunity of offering that satisfaction which the church expects, for the offence received: and that upon receiving such explanations or retractions as to them shall be satisfactory, Mr. Craighead be restored to the gospel ministry from which he had been suspended."

Petitions from the churches at Mount Pleasant and Greensburg, in New York, and from five ministers of the gospel residing in the vicinity of Mr. George Bourne, requesting that Mr. Bourne might be restored to the office of the gospel ministry, were overtured, and application on behalf of Mr. Bourne was made by Dr. Ely, that on the profession of his penitence he may be restored:—Whereupon it was

Resolved, That the case of Mr. George Bourne be referred to the Presbytery of New York, in whose bounds he now resides; and it is hereby ordered, that the Presbytery of New York be furnished by the Presbytery of Lexington, with all the documents relative to the deposition of Mr. Bourne; that they receive testimony as to the character and deportment of Mr. Bourne since his deposition, and also the evidences of repentance which Mr. Bourne may furnish. And it is ordered, moreover, that the said Presbytery of New York do proceed to issue the case, and either continue the sentence of deposition, or restore him, the said Bourne, to the gospel ministry, as they may judge proper.

Messrs. M'Iver and Smylie, were added to the committee appointed to prepare a minute on the appeals of Mr. Dobbins.

Adjourned till 8 o'clock, on Monday morning. Concluded with prayer.

June 7, 8 *o'clock*, *A. M.*

The Assembly met, and was constituted by prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The committee to which was referred the appeals of the Rev. R. B. Dobbins from the decisions of the Synod of Kentucky, affirming decisions of the Presbytery of Ebenezer in the cases of the Rev. William L. Maccalla, and the Session of the church of Augusta, reported, and the report being read was adopted, and is as follows, viz.

1. While the Assembly, as a general principle, disapprove of the administration of the sacraments, by one of their ministers, within the bounds of a congregation with which he is not connected, without the consent of the minister and session of said congregation; yet under the peculiar local circumstances of the people among which Mr. Maccalla occasionally administered ordinances, the Assembly cannot decide that he deserves censure. Therefore resolved, that the decision of the Synod of Kentucky, affirming a decision of the Presbytery of Ebenezer in regard to the complaint of the Rev. Mr. Dobbins, against the Rev. Mr. Maccalla, be, and it hereby is affirmed.

2. In regard to the complaint of Mr. Dobbins, against the session of the church of Augusta, for receiving members suspended by the session of the church of

Smyrna; the Assembly are of opinion that both sessions acted unconstitutionally, the session of Smyrna, in suspending said members, and the session of Augusta in receiving them when suspended. Therefore,

Resolved, That the appeal on this complaint be and it is hereby sustained; and the members in question are hereby declared to be still members in good standing in the church of Smyrna, and the session of the church of Smyrna are hereby directed to dismiss said members, if they still desire it, that they may regularly connect themselves with the church of Augusta.

A nomination was made of persons to fill up the vacancies in the Board of Education, and the ballots being taken, the following persons were declared duly chosen members of the Board for four years, viz.

Of the City of Philadelphia, and its vicinity.

Ministers.—Rev. George C. Potts, Rev. William Neill, D. D., Rev. Samuel Martin, Rev. John E. Latta, Rev. William M. Engles.

Elders.—Mr. James Stuart, Mr. Samuel Morrow.

Of the Several Synods.

Mr. A. Brown, of the Synod of Pittsburgh.

Mr. Henry Potter, of the Synod of North Carolina.

The roll was called, agreeably to a standing rule, to ascertain whether any members had left the Assembly without leave, and it appeared that the following persons had left it without leave, viz.

Mr. Beach, elder, of the Presbytery of Ontario.

Rev. Dr. Spring, of the Presbytery of New York.

Rev. Symmes C. Henry, of the Presbytery of New Brunswick.

Samuel Bayard, Esq. elder, of the Presbytery of New Brunswick.

Rev. Robert Steel, of the Presbytery of Philadelphia.

Alexander Henry, Esq. elder, of the Presbytery of Philadelphia.

Mr. John M'Mullin, elder, of the Presbytery of Philadelphia.

Mr. Moses Reed, elder, of the Presbytery of Philadelphia.

Rev. Elias Harrison, of the Presbytery of the District of Columbia.

Rev. Isaac Paul, of the Presbytery of Hanover.

Rev. Henry Ford, of the Presbytery of Bath.

Resolved, That as the names of persons who have left the Assembly without leave, are to be published in the printed journals; therefore the Stated Clerk is liberated from the duty enjoined by a standing rule, of writing to the Presbyteries on the subject.

Resolved, That this Assembly be dissolved, and that another Assembly chosen in the same manner, be required to meet in the First Presbyterian church in this city, on the third Thursday in May, 1825, at 11 o'clock, A. M. Concluded with prayer.

SUMMARY FOR 1824.

Presbyteries.	*Ministers.*	*Churches.*	*Communicants.*	*Licentiates.*	*Candidates.*
		SYNOD OF GENEVA.			
Geneva,	24	23	2416	—	7
Cayuga,	27	36	2494	6	2
Bath,	7	18	837	—	—
Onondaga,	24	33	2749	—	1
		SYNOD OF GENESSEE.			
Ontario,	14	15	1302	2	6
Rochester,	12	13	621	3	—
Niagara,	5	12	251	—	—
Genessee,	9	20	731	—	1
Buffalo,	6	27	603	2	3

Presbyteries.	*Ministers.*	*Churches.*	*Communicants.*	*Licentiates.*	*Candidates.*
		SYNOD OF ALBANY.			
Albany,	27	27	4237	8	22
Troy,	11	22	1715	3	4
Oneida,	32	26	2772	3	2
Columbia,	13	10	760	4	—
Champlain,	10	12	239	—	—
St. Lawrence,	19	16	1093	1	—
Otsego,	12	10	1098	7	1
Londonderry,	27	15	1773	—	—
Ogdensburg,	8	10	695	1	—
Oswego,	6	13	854	—	—
		SYNOD OF NEW YORK AND NEW JERSEY.			
Long Island,	15	16	820	4	1
Hudson,	—	—	——	—	—
North River,	17	19	2006	5	1
New York,	25	19	4028	5	13
Jersey,	30	34	6181	4	12
New Brunswick,	—	—	——	—	—
Newton,	19	27	2861	—	1
Susquehanna,	13	26	1196	2	3
		SYNOD OF PHILADELPHIA.			
Philadelphia,	28	34	3648	17	9
New Castle,	29	51	2371	4	6
Carlisle,	19	37	3108	3	2
Baltimore,	8	5	643	3	1
Huntingdon,	9	30	2392	1	2
Northumberland,	9	16	1596	1	1
Philadelphia, (2d)	—	—	——	—	—
District of Columbia,	—	—	——	—	—
		SYNOD OF PITTSBURGH.			
Redstone,	17	41	3104	2	—
Ohio,	19	24	2246	—	1
Erie,	8	28	1004	1	—
Hartford,	10	25	1921	—	1
Grand River,	15	37	1375	—	—
Portage,	8	19	764	—	—
Washington,	13	21	1917	—	6
Steubenville,	10	19	1355	—	1
Allegheny,	11	25	1247	—	—
Huron,	7	29	531	—	—
		SYNOD OF OHIO.			
Cincinnati,	13	28	960	—	1
Miami,	9	25	890	—	1
Chillicothe,	12	25	1468	2	—
Lancaster,	8	29	1009	1	1
Columbus,	7	17	329	—	—
Athens,	4	6	351	—	—
Richland,	9	23	738	—	—
		SYNOD OF KENTUCKY.			
West Lexington,	8	14	407	—	—
Ebenezer,	8	18	838	—	3
Transylvania,	11	17	929	—	1
Muhlenberg,	9	24	712	1	—
Louisville,	10	35	665	—	3
Salem,	7	30	1024	—	1
		SYNOD OF VIRGINIA.			
Winchester,	11	17	952	1	4
Lexington,	18	33	2857	5	2
Hanover,	21	27	1266	6	6
Abingdon,	8	17	1223	2	6
		SYNOD OF TENNESSEE.			
Union,	12	29	1768	4	7
West Tennessee,	15	27	1128	3	2
Shiloh,	—	—	——	—	—
Mississippi,	10	10	288	2	—
Missouri,	6	18	507	1	—

Presbyteries.	*Ministers.*	*Churches.*	*Communicants.*	*Licentiates.*	*Candidates.*
		Synod of North Carolina			
Orange,	17	28	1114	2	7
Concord,	24	61	4607	7	3
Fayetteville,	12	37	2802	—	—
		Synod of South Carolina and Georgia.			
South Carolina,	15	34	1518	3	4
Hopewell,	10	14	——	2	—
Charleston Union,	11	3	154	3	1
Harmony,	10	18	786	—	3
Georgia,	—	—	——	—	—
Alabama,	—	—	——	—	—

A NARRATIVE OF THE STATE OF RELIGION,

Within the bounds of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, and its Corresponding Churches, in the United States of America.

Nothing is more interesting to the friends of Zion, than to learn its prosperity. That our churches should look with solicitude to the period when information is collected from all parts of the church, is expected by the General Assembly. It would give them the most heartfelt satisfaction, to be able on this occasion, to afford to the friends of Jesus, an animating account of the prevalence of truth, the triumphs of grace, and the enlargement of his kingdom. Although we can state many things which will give joy to the churches, and animation to all who love the glory of the Redeemer, it is not to be disguised that there is very much to excite our deepest humiliation, and awaken the most solemn fear. Within our extensive bounds, there is a vast wilderness, filled with immortal souls who are destitute of religious instruction and hope. There are regions, just beginning to enjoy the "*day spring from on high,*" still dark in error and ignorance, and cold in indifference and sin. Where the gospel is preached, it is met with powerful opposition by error of every form, and it is assailed by enemies o every name. Amid many of our churches are to be found cold and worldly professors, and many who having a name to live are dead, and the enemies of Jesus are sometimes established in the house of his friends. We do not recollect to have heard more deep and afflicting representations from the Presbyteries of the want of zeal and the life giving energies of the Spirit. On every side there are complaints of prevailing error, of licentious practice, of gross intemperance, and disregard of the Lord's day. In many parts of our widely extended and extending church, the want of ministers is still most painfully felt, and even those who can support them cannot obtain them.

Since these evils do exist, the Assembly feel it to be their duty to publish them to the churches. We have too long shut our eyes to facts when they have been discouraging or afflictive. We have dwelt on the green spots that here and there, and sometimes to a great extent, meet our eyes, and we have forgotten the desert by which they are surrounded. We have been reposing by the fountains which refresh us and reflect the heavens to our sight, as we stoop to drink them, and we too often forget "*the dry and thirsty land in which there is no water.*" That our Presbyteries have turned their attention to these evils, that they should state them, is evidence to the Assembly, that they are more justly appreciated, more earnestly deplored, and that more devoted prayer and more zealous efforts will be made for their removal. We think that the tone of our reports indicates greater sensibility to the cause of religion, deeper solicitude for its honour and success, more enlightened humility, and promises to produce more powerful and united exertions to spread that truth and promote that cause which alone are to bring salvation to men, joy to angels, and glory to God.

The evils to which we allude, and which are most conspicuous, do not exist in the same degree in all parts of the church. Some of the Presbyteries complain of the want of ministers and missionaries, a want of zeal and devotedness in some instances in ministers and professors, great coldness and worldliness. From almost every direction we learn that the Lord's day is most shamefully profaned, and that even professors sanction this destructive and most offensive sin by the looseness of their own example, or their open conformity to the world, in some of the most popular modes by which its sanctity is invaded. Even ministers, in some instances, have been known to travel in public conveyances on this "day of rest." The Assembly have learned this fact with pain; and while they deplore, they wholly disapprove it.

In many parts of our country the odious and destructive sin of intemperance is, we fear, increasing to an alarming degree; producing blasting and destruction to individuals, families, and churches. The Assembly, while they record this fact with shame and sorrow, and real alarm, will not cease to publish it, until those who profess to love the Lord Jesus, shall awake to the dangers of our country and the church. We will warn our beloved people until they shall all rouse to duty and to self-denial, to watchfulness and prayer.

Among the errors which are prevailing in some parts of our bounds, we have discovered none that may be considered new. Infidelity is the same in its principles, and as destructive in its effects, when it assumes a new form, as it was in its more usual and familiar garb; and it is to be opposed with the divine panoply and unwearied courage, as well when it appears in the form of an angel of light, as when it is manifested in its original shape of deformity. It is to be avoided as sedulously when it assails us in specious accents of philosophy, the tone of affected liberality and refinement, as when its "false tongue vociferates in the corners of the streets," and utters open defiance in the hiss of derision, or the clamour of infidelity and blasphemy.

In the general survey of churches under our care, it is surprising, and in some cases alarming, to observe the want of united and concentrated efforts in promoting many of the objects of benevolence which occupy the friends of Religion. The funds raised are divided and subdivided, until no single object is well patronised. There is a spirit of Christian enterprise that marks the day in which we live, and in which the Assembly do rejoice. Everything that promises to advance the knowledge of the Lord, and the salvation of man, will not only be viewed with approbation by a religious community, but will be assisted and patronised. It has, however, sometimes happened, that a new mode of well doing has diverted the attention from well established exertions, and the funds by which they were supported, have been changed, so that while a new form of mercy appeared, there are no new means for its support.

We turn now to present some things in the present state of the church, which are more delightful, and which encourage us to believe that the Lord God is in the midst of us for good. Though there are many evils in the church, much error and sin, much apathy and indifference; there are also many powerful and counteracting operations. We believe that the cause of truth is advancing; that it is gaining victories over error; that knowledge is increasing; that the church is more engaged, *steadfast and prayerful;* there is more zeal, more liberality, and more self-denial.

There are many evidences that the ordinary means of grace have been faithfully employed; that the plans of well doing, recommended by the Assembly in former years, have been useful in their operations. When they shall be more extensively adopted, and more vigorously pursued, it is believed that they will fully accomplish the benevolent designs which prompted their recommendation. We learn from almost all our Presbyteries, that the word of God has been faithfully preached; that the people have attended with punctuality upon

the stated worship of God, and in many instances, have given *earnest heed to the word spoken.*

Among the efforts which the Assembly regard with peculiar interest, and which have been very useful the past year, we mention the following:

Exertions in behalf of children and youth. In all parts of the church, Sunday schools are established, and there is but one sentiment respecting them. The Assembly consider them as among the most useful and blessed institutions of the present day. They have a most extensive reforming influence. They apply a powerful corrective to the most inaccessible portions of the community. They begin moral education at the right time—in the best manner—and under the most promising circumstances. They act indirectly, but most powerfully, upon teachers and parents, and frequently become the means of bringing them to the church, and to the knowledge and love of the truth. Sunday schools are highly useful *every where;* but they are peculiarly adapted to new and destitute regions of the church. The plan is simple, and easily accomplished. It requires comparatively little knowledge and experience to conduct them with ability. Very much good has been accomplished by the instrumentality of young ladies and gentlemen. The pleasing scene is often witnessed in some of our new settlements, of large meetings of children on the Lord's day, in schoolhouses, or beneath the shade of the original forest. The voice of praise and prayer is heard, and the word of the living God is proclaimed, amid the most beautiful works of his hand.

Bible and Tract Societies are established in most parts of our church, and we are happy to learn, that very many of our people are dutifully and zealously engaged in promoting the great benevolent institutions which distinguish and honour our age and country. It would be pleasing to be able to add, that our churches were more engaged in giving efficient patronage to the United Foreign Missionary Society, which is under the peculiar protection of the Assembly, and which has been repeatedly presented to our churches for their prayers and liberality.

The United Domestic Missionary Society, the concerns of which are principally conducted in the city of New York, is considered as one of the most interesting and important institutions of the day, and meets our cordial approbation and recommendation.

The state of Missionary regions and Missionary operations, which are under the entire control of the Assembly, present many subjects of attention, which awaken deep and solemn interest. The Board of Missions, which directs the missionary concerns of the Assembly, has the past year employed more than eighty ministers, to proclaim among the destitute the unsearchable riches of Christ. The Assembly regard these efforts with intense interest, as they are persuaded that God has honoured them with his special blessing. There is not an object of deeper concern to the prosperity of the Church, so far as human agency is concerned, than to furnish to our wide-spread and destitute population good missionaries; men full of the Holy Ghost, and burning with love and zeal for the salvation of men. In years past the Assembly has been able to send forth many labourers into the harvest, to occupy and maintain important stations, to explore the country, to gain information; and some parts of our church, now flourishing, it has been the instrument of planting and watering. The church at large is not sufficiently aware of the importance of our Missionary operations. We earnestly hope that our means of usefulness will be greatly increased.

During the past year there have been some very special revivals. Many of our churches have been greatly refreshed. Seasons of peculiar sweetness have been enjoyed by some churches, who are not included in the list of those who have been distinguished as the "highly favoured of the Lord," and whose

blessings have been so peculiar as to become subjects of general interest to the church.

The special influences of the Spirit of the Lord have been poured out upon the congregations of Augusta, Schenandoa and Oneida, in the Presbytery of Oneida; upon the first church in Lenox, in the second church in Sullivan, in the first church in Pompey, in the Presbytery of Onondaga; upon the church of Ellisburg in the Presbytery of St. Lawrence; upon Esperance, the church at Saratoga Springs, Mayfield, Ballston and Moreau, in the Presbytery of Albany. One of the most extensive works of the Spirit that has been known in our country, has occurred in Moreau, and has spread with astonishing power through the surrounding country. In its vicinity several hundred persons, it is believed, have been brought to a saving knowledge of the truth. The Lord has turned again and revived his work in the churches of Salem, West Granville, in Kingsbury and Queensbury, in the Presbytery of Troy; in Middletown and Forrestburgh, in the Presbytery of Hudson; in the church in Rutger's street, in the Presbytery of New York; in the second church in Newark, Elizabethtown, and Patterson in the Presbytery of Jersey; in Flemington in the Presbytery of Newton; in one of the churches of Baltimore; in Jefferson College in the Presbytery of Ohio; in Mount Pleasant, New Salem, in the Presbytery of Hartford; Bethel in the Presbytery of Lexington; in Fredricksburgh in the Presbytery of Winchester; in Ripley, in the Presbytery of Chillicothe. It is with peculiar pleasure that we have been informed of a powerful revival in Natchez, in the Presbytery of Mississippi, and in Washington, in the Presbytery of Orange, and in Mahoning, Derry and Buffalo, in the Presbytery of Northumberland. From those parts of the church where revivals were enjoyed in previous years, we learn that their subjects are generally steadfast, and are walking worthy of their profession. The Monthly Concert for Prayer is generally maintained.

We are happy to learn that increasing interest is felt, and that vigorous exertions are made, in behalf of seamen. The society in New York is flourishing, and a new and commodious church is now erecting in Philadelphia, for their accommodation. Pleasing evidence has been presented of the great benefit with which the efforts in their favour have been followed, many of them have been hopefully converted, and give good evidence that a work of effectual grace has been wrought in their hearts. The Bethel flag is a new and blessed sign of the times. It floats over the decks of many of our vessels as they go forth on the bosom of the deep. It is seen in every part of the world, and is the pledge of the season when our merchandize and hire shall be holiness unto the Lord.

Most of our Presbyteries are paying attention to the education of youth for the ministry. Many pious young men are in train, in various stages of their education. Notwithstanding the church is every year rousing to greater exertions, much more must be done before her duty is accomplished, or her wants supplied.

The Board of Education is earnestly engaged, and it is well supported by several auxiliary societies.

The pious females in our communion are still devoting themselves to the promotion of all the charities of the day. The exertions of women who thus labour in the gospel are among the most blessed and efficient that the church enjoys.

The Theological Seminary at Princeton is every year becoming more and more important. Its present condition is flourishing. The number of its pupils is greater than at any former period; and it promises to be a favoured and powerful instrument of disseminating the gospel through the earth.

The Theological Seminary at Auburn is rising into importance. It is enjoy-

ing the patronage of the church, and will soon be endowed and extend its blessings throughout the interesting country in which it is located.

The new but most promising Institution at Hampden Sydney is advancing. The friends of religion are anticipating great benefits from it, especially to the southern country.

May the God of knowledge own and bless all the means of instruction, that the earth may be full of his truth and his praise.

The Assembly have heard with pleasure of the state of the churches in Associations of New England. The Lord is in the midst of them for good; they are going forward in the order and peace of the gospel, and with that zeal that should ever distinguish the favoured of the Lord. We are happy to hear, also, that the Theological Seminary at Andover is in a flourishing and prosperous condition. Its numbers are annually increasing, and its friends are cheered with the belief that its usefulness is continually extending.

From our brethren of the Dutch Reformed Church we have pleasing information of the prosperous state of religion within their bounds; and particularly that their Theological Seminary at New Brunswick is in a flourishing state. [*This paragraph was unintentionally omitted in the first impression of the Narrative.*]

We record with feelings of painful solemnity the names of many of our dear brethren, who have been called from their labours the past year.* While we view these bereavements as a solemn warning to us all, they admonish the churches to improve the messages of grace, which are falling from dying lips, and to honour God for the treasure which is contained in earthen vessels.

We live in a most interesting period of the world. This is an age of great activity. To the church in this day are committed great and precious interests.

How careful should we be to stand with our loins girded with truth. In an age of such wonders, of such energy and enterprise, the church has the delicate and difficult duty of avoiding on the one hand, the spirit of bold innovation, which is sometimes allied to zealous and generous efforts, and on the other, to prompt and cherish the ardour which promises to promote the highest good of the world.

Let us be up and doing. If we study diligently the holy oracles, which are our only infallible guide; if we rely upon the direction of the Spirit; if we possess a holy desire to bless the world and exalt God; then our liberty will not sink into licentiousness—our zeal will not decay—the spirit of inquiry will not become a spirit of speculation and philosophy, *falsely so called.* But truth shall triumph—charity shall fill every bosom and bless every object—and the *Lord alone shall be exalted.*

* The Rev. Joel Bradley, of the Presbytery of Onondaga.
The Rev. Henry Chapman, of the Presbytery of Otsego.
The Rev. James N. Austin, of the Presbytery of Albany.
The Rev. John R. Coe, and Edward Rositer, of the Presbytery of Troy.
The Rev. Amasa Loomis, of the Presbytery of Grand River.
The Rev. John M'Knight, D. D., of the Presbytery of Carlisle.
The Rev. Joseph B. Lapsley, of the Presbytery of Muhlenberg.
The Rev. Prescott B. Smith, of the Presbytery of Lancaster.
The Rev. Samuel Prince Robbins, and Rev. William Boies, Pres. of Athens.
The Rev. Joseph S. Hughs, of the Presb. of Columbus.
The Rev. Dr. Thomas Read, of the Presbytery of New Castle.
The Rev. Dr. Benjamin R. Montgomery, of the Presbytery of Harmony.
The Rev. George Lukey, of the Presbytery of New Castle.

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PHILADELPHIA, May 19, 1825.

THE General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America met, agreeably to appointment, in the First Presbyterian Church in the city of Philadelphia, May 19th, 1825, at 11 o'clock, A. M., and was opened by the Rev. Ashbel Green, D. D. LL. D., the Moderator of the last Assembly, with a sermon from 1 Cor. i. 23, first clause, "We preach Christ crucified."

After prayer the commissions were read, and it appeared that the following Ministers and Elders were duly appointed, and attended as commissioners to the Assembly, viz:

PRESBYTERY OF NIAGARA—*Minister*—Rev. George Colton. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF BUFFALO—*Minister*—Rev. Gilbert Crawford. *Elder*—Mr. Joseph Stocking.

PRESBYTERY OF GENESSEE—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—Mr. Richard Dibble.

PRESBYTERY OF ROCHESTER—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF ONTARIO—*Minister*—Rev. Julius Steele. *Elders*—Mr. Abner Adams, William D. M'Nair.

PRESBYTERY OF GENEVA—*Minister*—None. *Elders*—Mr. Seth S. M. Maltby, William Roy.

PRESBYTERY OF BATH—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF CAYUGA—*Ministers*—Rev. Seth Smith, Levi Parsons. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF ONEIDA—*Ministers*—Rev. Samuel Swezey, Jonathan Hovey, John Frost. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF OSWEGO—*Minister*—Rev. William Williams. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF ONONDAGA—*Ministers*—Rev. Caleb Alexander, Hezekiah N. Woodruff. *Elders*—Mr. Abel Caldwell, Zadok Sweetland.

PRESBYTERY OF OTSEGO—*Minister*—Rev. Horace P. Bogue. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF ST. LAWRENCE—*Ministers*—Rev. Adams W. Platt, David Kimball. *Elder*—Hart Massey.

PRESBYTERY OF OGDENSBURGH—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF CHAMPLAIN—*Minister*—Rev. Samuel Whelpley. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF LONDONDERRY—*Ministers*—Rev. James Miltimore, Gardner B. Perry. *Elder*—Mr. Benjamin P. Chase.

PRESBYTERY OF ALBANY—*Ministers*—Rev. John Chester, D. D., Henry R. Weed, Halsey A. Wood, Walter Monteith. *Elders*—Erastus Williams, Samuel Hunter.

PRESBYTERY OF TROY—*Minister*—Rev. John Kennedy. *Elder*—Mr. Elias Hawley.

PRESBYTERY OF COLUMBIA—*Ministers*—Rev. Daniel Beers, Timothy Woodbridge. *Elders*—Mr. Daniel Sayer, David Mellen.

PRESBYTERY OF NORTH RIVER—*Ministers*—Rev. James I. Ostrom, Stephen Saunders. *Elders*—Joshua Ward, Michael Wygant.

PRESBYTERY OF HUDSON—*Minister*—Rev. Ezra Fisk. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF LONG ISLAND—*Minister*—Rev. Amzi Francis. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF NEW YORK—*Ministers*—Rev. Stephen N. Rowan, D. D., Elisha W. Baldwin, Joseph Sanford. *Elders*—Mr. Adrian Vansinderen, George Nixon, Peter Hawes.

PRESBYTERY OF NEW YORK, (2d.)—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF NEWARK—*Ministers*—Rev. Joshua T. Russell, Barnabas King, Enos A. Osborn. *Elders*—David I. Hays, Ellison Conger.

PRESBYTERY OF ELIZABETHTOWN—*Ministers*—Rev. John M'Dowell, D. D., David Magie. *Elders*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF NEWTON—*Ministers*—Rev. Wm. C. Brownlee, D. D., John Gray, Lemuel F. Leake. *Elders*—Mr. Leffert Haughawout, John Stinson, John Breese.

PRESBYTERY OF NEW BRUNSWICK—*Ministers*—Rev. Samuel Miller, D. D., Eli F. Cooley, Peter O. Studdiford. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF SUSQUEHANNA—*Minister*—Rev. Simeon R. Jones. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF PHILADELPHIA—*Ministers*—Rev. Ashbel Green, D. D., Ezra Stiles Ely, D. D., George W. Janvier, Thomas J. Biggs. *Elders*—Mr. Robert G. Johnson, Jacob Mitchell, Silas E. Weir, John Morrison.

PRESBYTERY OF NEW CASTLE—*Ministers*—Rev. James Latta, William Finney, John N. C. Grier. *Elders*—Mr. Matthew Stanley, Amos Slaymaker.

PRESBYTERY OF LEWES—*Minister*—Benjamin Ogden. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF BALTIMORE—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA—*Ministers*—Rev. Welles Andrews, Joshua Moore. *Elders*—Alex. M'Donald, John Douglass.

PRESBYTERY OF CARLISLE—*Ministers*—Rev. Robert Cathcart, D. D., Alexander M'Clelland, George Duffield. *Elders*—Thomas Urie, James B. Ross.

PRESBYTERY OF HUNTINGDON—*Minister*—Rev. John Coulter. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF NORTHUMBERLAND—*Minister*—Rev. John H. Grier. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF REDSTONE—*Ministers*—Rev. William Speer, Robert Johnson, Samuel Swan. *Elder*—Mr. Joseph Baldridge.

PRESBYTERY OF OHIO—*Ministers*—Rev. Matthew Brown, D. D., Elisha P. Swift. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF WASHINGTON, Pa.—*Ministers*—Rev. Andrew Wylie, Obadiah Jennings. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF STEUBENVILLE—*Minister*—Rev. Donald M'Intosh. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF ERIE—*Minister*—Rev. David M'Kinney. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF ALLEGHENY—*Minister*—Rev. John Core. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF HARTFORD—*Minister*—Rev. Thomas E. Hughes. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF GRAND RIVER—*Ministers*—Rev. Urban Palmer, George Sheldon. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF PORTAGE—*Minister*—Rev. Benjamin Fenn. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF HURON—*Minister*—Rev. John M'Crea. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF WINCHESTER—*Ministers*—Rev. Robert H. Chapman, D. D., Alonzo Welton. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF LEXINGTON—*Ministers*—Rev. Francis M'Farland, John A. Van Lear. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF HANOVER—*Ministers*—Rev. John B. Hoge, James G. Hammer, Francis Bowman. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF ABINGDON—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF WEST LEXINGTON—*Minister*—Rev. John Breckinridge. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF EBENEZER—*Minister*—Rev. John M'Farland. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF TRANSYLVANIA—*Ministers*—Rev. Samuel K. Nelson, David C. Proctor. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of Muhlenberg—*Minister*—Rev. Charles Philips. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of Louisville—*Minister*—Rev. Gideon Blackburn, D. D. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of Salem—*Minister*—Rev. George Bush *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of Lancaster—*Minister*—Rev. John Wright. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of Athens—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of Chillicothe—*Minister*—Rev. Samuel Crothers. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of Columbus—*Minister*—Rev. James Hoge. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of Cincinnati—*Minister*—Rev. Samuel G. Lowry. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of Miami—*Minister*—Rev. William Graham. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of Richland—*Minister*—Rev. James Rowland. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of Union—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of West Tennessee—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of Shiloh—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of Mississippi—*Minister*—Rev. Benjamin Chase. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of Missouri—*Minister*—Rev. Charles S. Robinson. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of Orange—*Minister*—Rev. Stephen Frontis. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of Fayetteville—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of Concord—*Minister*—Rev. James Stafford. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of Bethel—*Minister*—Rev. Josiah Harris. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of Alabama—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of North Alabama—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of Harmony—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of Georgia—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of Charleston Union—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of South Carolina—*Minister*—Rev. Michael Dickson. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of Hopewell—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

General Association of Connecticut—Rev. David L. Perry, Ansel Nash, Aaron Hovey.

General Association of New Hampshire—None.

General Association of Massachusetts—Rev. Vincent Gould, Brown Emerson.

Convention of Vermont—None.

Reformed Dutch Church—Rev. Cornelius C. Cuyler.

Mr. Robert Porter, a ruling elder from the Presbytery of New Castle, and the Rev. Calvin Colton, from the Presbytery of Genessee, appeared in the Assembly without commissions; but satisfactory testimony was given that they had been chosen commissioners to this Assembly, whereupon they were received as members, and took their seats accordingly.

The Rev. Stephen N. Rowan, D. D., was chosen Moderator; the Rev. John M'Dowell, D. D., was chosen Permanent Clerk, in the room of the Rev. John E. Latta, deceased; and the Rev. John Chester, D. D., was chosen Temporary Clerk.

Dr. Ely, Mr. Weed, Dr. Brownlee, Mr. Swift, Mr. Speer, Mr. M'Clelland, Mr. Wylie, Mr. D. L. Perry, Mr. Hawes, Mr. Williams and Mr. Baldridge, were appointed a committee of Bills and Overtures, to meet in this church tomorrow morning, at 6 o'clock, and afterwards on their own adjournments.

Dr. Chapman, Mr. Ostrom, Mr. John B. Hoge, Mr. Duffield, Mr. Cuyler,

Mr. Vansinderen, Mr. Robert G. Johnson and Mr. Nixon were appointed a judicial committee.

Adjourned till 9 o'clock to-morrow morning. Concluded with prayer.

May 20, 9 *o'clock, A. M.*

The Assembly met, and was constituted by prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

Rev. Abiel Parmele, from the Presbytery of Genessee, Rev. Ezekiel J. Chapman, from the Presbytery of Ontario, and Mr. Harvey F. Leavitt, a ruling elder from the Presbytery of Albany, appeared in the Assembly, and their commissions being read, took their seats as members.

Mr. Christian Adrian, a ruling elder from the Presbytery of Baltimore, appeared in the Assembly without a commission; but satisfactory testimony was given that he had been chosen a commissioner to this Assembly, and he was received as a member, and took his seat accordingly.

The minutes of the last Assembly were read.

The committee appointed to lay the articles of correspondence, agreed upon by the last Assembly, before the German Reformed Synod, presented as their report the following extract from the minutes of that body, viz.

"Extract from the minutes of the Synod of the German Reformed Church, in their meeting held at Bedford, Penn., September, 1824.

A letter was received from the Rev. Wm. Neill, clerk of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, relative to the proposed correspondence between this Synod and the General Assembly; whereupon, it was resolved, that this correspondence be established, and that two delegates be now appointed to attend the next meeting of the General Assembly. The delegates are the Rev. Samuel Helfenstein and George Wack."

The Rev. Samuel Helfenstein appeared in the Assembly, and took his seat as a delegate from the Synod of the German Reformed Church.

Resolved, That it be the order of the day for Monday next to receive reports on the state of religion.

Mr. Breckinridge, Mr. Magie, Mr. Dickson, Mr. Emerson and Mr. Hovey, were appointed a committee to prepare a narrative of the information to be received on the state of religion.

Resolved, That it be the order of the day for this afternoon to receive Synodical and Presbyterial reports.

Mr. Fisk, Mr. Jennings, and Mr. J. M'Farland were appointed a committee to receive these reports, examine them, and read to the Assembly those parts of them, which they may judge necessary to be read for the information of the Assembly, and also to prepare a statement to be transcribed into the Compendious View.

Resolved, That the General Assembly, and such persons as may choose to unite with them, will spend next Wednesday evening in this church, as a season of special prayer for the outpouring of the Spirit on the churches, and in other religious exercises. Dr. Cathcart, Dr. Ely, and Mr. Duffield, were appointed a committee to make arrangements for the evening.

Mr. Weir, and Mr. Hawes were appointed a committee to receive an account of the miles travelled by the Commissioners to the Assembly, and to make an apportionment of the Commissioners' fund, agreeably to a standing rule on the subject.

Mr. Latta, Mr. Jones, and Mr. Slaymaker, were appointed a committee to examine the Records of the Synod of Genessee.

Mr. Janvier, Mr. Studdiford, and Mr. Weir, were appointed a committee to examine the Records of the Synod of Geneva.

Mr. Cooley, Mr. Gray, and Mr. Breese, were appointed a committee to examine the Records of the Synod of Albany.

Mr. Russell, Mr. Biggs, and Mr. Massey, were appointed a committee to examine the Records of the Synod of New York.

Mr. Sanford, Mr. Whelpley, and Mr. Chase, were appointed a committee to examine the Records of the Synod of New Jersey.

Dr. Brownlee, Mr. Baldwin, and Mr. Hays, were appointed a committee to examine the Records of the Synod of Philadelphia.

Mr. Fisk, Mr. Saunders, and Mr. Hunter, were appointed a committee to examine the Records of the Synod of Pittsburgh.

Mr. Magie, Mr. Beers, and Mr. Conger, were appointed a committee to examine the Records of the Synod of Virginia.

Mr. Frost, Mr. Steele, and Mr. Roy, were appointed a committee to examine the Records of the Synod of North Carolina.

Mr. Francis, Mr. Osborn, and Mr. Wygant, were appointed a committee to examine the Records of the Synod of South Carolina and Georgia.

Mr. Kennedy, Mr. G. B. Perry, and Mr. Caldwell, were appointed a committee to examine the Records of the Synod of Kentucky.

Mr. Monteith, Mr. Osborn, and Mr. Sayer, were appointed a committee to examine the Records of the Synod of Ohio.

Mr. Jones, Mr. J. N. C. Grier, and Mr. Stanley, were appointed a committee to examine the Records of the Synod of Tennessee.

A letter was received from the Rev. Dr. William Neill, resigning the office of Stated Clerk, on account of his removal from this city, and his resignation was accepted.

Resolved, That the committee on Psalmody be continued, and that the Assembly direct that five dollars be paid for the books procured for their use, and that Dr. Blatchford be appointed Chairman, in the place of Dr. Romeyn, deceased.

The Delegates appointed by the last Assembly to attend the General Association of Connecticut and Massachusetts reported, that they all attended, were very cordially and respectfully received, and were much gratified at witnessing the talents, piety, zeal, and usefulness of those Ecclesiastical Bodies.

The Delegate appointed to attend the General Association of New Hampshire, and the General Convention of Vermont, reported, that he had attended the former, but not the latter; and that he had nothing of particular interest to the Assembly to report.

The Delegates appointed to attend the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church reported, that they attended the meeting of that body, were received and treated with politeness and cordiality, and were pleased with the proceedings of that body.

Resolved, That the Rev. Eli F. Cooley and the Rev. Charles Hodge be a committee to act with a committee of the Board of Trustees of the College of New Jersey, in disposing of certain moneys in the hands of said Trustees; and the said committee are hereby instructed to inquire into the tenure by which this General Assembly holds the said funds, and to give any information respecting the usual mode of disposing of the same which they may think proper.

The reference from the Presbytery of Cayuga, which was recommended to the attention of this Assembly by the last, was taken up and committed to Mr. Weed, Mr. Woodbridge, Dr. Blackburn, Mr. Slaymaker, and Mr. Morrison.

Mr. Wylie, Mr. Ostrom, and Mr. Adrian were appointed a committee to inquire into the reasons why the publication and distribution of the minutes of the last Assembly were so long delayed; and why the statistical accounts were not published with them as ordered by the last Assembly, and to consider and report to the Assembly what alterations can be made in the present system, so as to expedite the publication and distribution of the minutes hereafter.

Adjourned to meet this afternoon at 4 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

4 o'clock, P. M.

The Assembly met, and was constituted by prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The Rev. Benjamin M. Palmer, D. D., from the Charleston Union Presbytery, the Rev. Ansel D. Eddy, from the Presbytery of Geneva, the Rev. Samuel D. Hoge, from the Presbytery of Athens, and Mr. Frederick Erringer, an elder from the Reformed Dutch Church, appeared in the Assembly, and their commissions being read, took their seats as members.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Synodical and Presbyterial reports were received, and handed to the committee appointed on this business this morning.

The clerks informed the Assembly that there had been put into their hands an appeal from a decision of the Synod of Geneva, by Mr. David Price; an appeal from the Synod of Albany, by Mr. Amos Hawley; an appeal from the Synod of Genessee, accompanied with a complaint by Mr. Newton Hawes, and a complaint against a decision of the Synod of Genessee, by Mr. Harvey Chapin. The above appeals and complaints with the accompanying papers were referred to the Judicial Committee.

Dr. Green and Dr. Miller, the committee appointed by a former Assembly to prepare a history of the Presbyterian Church, requested to be released from that appointment. This subject was referred to Mr. Jennings, Dr. M'Dowell, and Dr. Ely, to report what course ought to be pursued by the Assembly in relation to this business.

The committee of overtures presented an application from the Presbytery of Abingdon, to be annexed to the Synod of Tennessee. This overture was referred to Dr. Blackburn, Mr. Lowry, Mr. J. B. Hoge, Mr. F. M'Farland, and Mr. Van Lear.

The committee of overtures also presented the following question from the Synod of New Jersey, viz:—

"What ought a church session to do with members in communion who have been absent for years without having taken a certificate, and the session cannot learn the place of their residence, and therefore cannot cite them for neglect of duty in the mode pointed out in the book of discipline?"

After discussing the above question for some time, it was committed to Dr. Miller, Mr. Biggs and Mr. Ward.

The committee on the overture from the Presbytery of Abingdon, made a report, which was laid on the table.

The committee of overtures submitted a proposition to appoint a committee annually to correspond with the Protestant Churches in France. This overture was laid on the table.

A communication was received from a joint committee of the trustees of the Theological Seminary, and of the Directors of the same, recommending to the Assembly the adoption of the two following resolutions, viz.

1. *Resolved*, That the Board of Directors retain, with the exception of the safe keeping of the property belonging to the General Assembly, in New Jersey, and the due improvement of the moneys that may be deposited in the hands of the Trustees, the same powers and privileges which they had before the acceptance of the charter granted by the Legislature of New Jersey.

2. *Resolved*, That the Trustees be, and they hereby are instructed to direct their Treasurer to pay, out of the funds in their hands, on the order of the Board of Directors, any sums which the General Assembly may appropriate for meeting the expenses of the Theological Seminary.

The above resolutions were adopted by the Assembly, and the clerk is hereby directed to furnish the Trustees of the Seminary with an attested copy of the above resolutions.

Dr. Green. Dr. M'Dowell and Dr. Chester, were appointed a committee to examine whether it may not be proper for the Assembly to take some additional measures relative to the duties of the corporation, created by law in New Jersey, for holding the property belonging to this Assembly in that State, and the Board of Directors that superintend the Theological Seminary there: and if additional measures shall appear to the committee to be necessary, to specify these distinctly in their report to the Assembly.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

May 21, 9 *o'clock, A. M.*

The Assembly met, and was constituted by prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

Rev. James H. Thomas, from the Presbytery of Hudson, Rev. John Glendy, D. D., from the Presbytery of Baltimore, Rev. William D. Snodgrass from the 2d Presbytery of New York, and Mr. Ephraim Banks, a ruling elder, from the Presbytery of Huntingdon, appeared in the Assembly, and their commissions being read, took their seats as members.

Mr. Thomas was appointed on the committee to which were referred the Synodical and Presbyterial reports, in the place of Mr. Jennings, who requested to be released from that committee.

The committee appointed to examine the Records of the Synod of Albany reported, and the book was approved to page 250.

The Assembly proceeded to the choice of a Stated Clerk, in the room of the Rev. Dr. Neill, resigned, when the Rev. Ezra Stiles Ely, D. D. was chosen.

The committee appointed on the overture from the Synod of New Jersey, inquiring what a church session ought to do with members in communion, who have been absent for years without having taken a certificate of dismission, and whose place of residence is unknown, made a report, which, being read and amended, was adopted, and is as follows, viz.

That although this particular case is not provided for by a specific regulation in our Book of Discipline, yet it is embraced by certain general principles, which are recognized in that book, and interwoven with many of its provisions. These principles, together with the result, bearing on the case in question, the committee beg leave most respectfully to state:

1. Every church member is amenable to some appropriate tribunal, by the wisdom and fidelity of which, in case of his falling into any error, immorality, or negligence, he may be dealt with according to the word of God.

2. No member of a church can properly ever cease to be such but by death, exclusion, a regular dismission, or an orderly withdrawing to join some other Christian denomination; and must of necessity continue to be amenable to that church until he becomes regularly connected with another.

3. For a church member to withdraw from a use of his privileges as a member, either by irregularly connecting himself with another denomination, or by going to a distant part of the world, to reside for a number of years, without making known his removal to the church session, and asking a certificate either of good standing, for the purpose of enjoying occasional communion elsewhere, or of dismission, to join some other church, is itself a censurable violation of the principles of church fellowship, and may infer suspension from its privileges.

4. Church members, therefore, who have been absent for a number of years in unknown places, are by no means to have their names erased from the churches to which they respectively belong, but are to be held responsible to their respective churches; and if they should ever return, or be heard from, are to be regularly dealt with according to the word of God, and the principles of our church; and although great caution and tenderness ought to be exercised toward those whose

withdrawing from Christian privileges may be occasioned by the unavoidable dispensations of Providence, without any material fault of their own, yet in all cases in which a church session has good reason to believe that any of the church under their care have absented themselves with design, either from a disregard of Christian privilege, or from a wish to escape from the inspection and discipline of the church, they ought without unnecessary delay to declare such persons suspended from the privileges of the church, until they give evidence of repentance and reformation; and, of course, in making their statistical reports, ought to enumerate such among the members under suspension.

A number of copies of the minutes of the last General Association of Connecticut; of the last General Association of Massachusetts; and of the last meeting of the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church, were received from those bodies respectively; which were committed to Mr. G. B. Perry and Dr. Cathcart to distribute among the members.

A communication was received from the Trustees of the General Assembly, relative to the Wheelock estate, which was committed to Dr. Chester, Mr. Weed, and Mr. Hawes.

The committee appointed to examine the records of the Synod of New York, reported, and the book was approved to page 53.

The committee appointed to examine the records of the Synod of Pittsburgh, reported, and the book was approved to page 248.

A memorial signed by Gideon Blackburn, John M'Farland, John Breckinridge, Samuel K. Nelson, and David C. Proctor, as agents in behalf of the Synod of Kentucky, on the subject of founding a college in that State, was received and read. This memorial and the accompanying papers were committed to Dr. Miller, Dr. Green, Mr. Wylie, Mr. S. D. Hoge and Mr. Hughes.

Adjourned till 9 o'clock, on Monday morning. Concluded with prayer.

May 23, 9 *o'clock, A. M.*

The Assembly met, and was constituted by prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The Rev. Samuel Parker, from the Presbytery of Cayuga, the Rev. Joseph P. Cunningham, from the Presbytery of Alabama, and the Rev. Joseph Wood, from the Presbytery of North Alabama, appeared in the Assembly, and their commissions being read, took their seats as members.

Rev. Urban Palmer resigned his seat to the Rev. Abner Morse, the alternate mentioned in their commission.

It being the order of the day, the Assembly proceeded to receive communications on the state of religion. After considerable progress had been made in this business, the Assembly had a recess until 4 o'clock.

At 4 o'clock, the Assembly met.

Mr. Welton had leave of absence from the remaining sessions of the Assembly.

The Assembly resumed, and finished receiving communications on the state of religion.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

May 24, 9 *o'clock, A. M.*

The Assembly met, and was constituted by prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The Rev. Ravaud K. Rodgers, from the Presbytery of Troy, and the Rev. Samuel S. Davis, from the Presbytery of Georgia, appeared in the Assembly, and their commissions being read, took their seats as members.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Assembly be presented by the Board of

Missions, to the Rev. Dr. Brownlee, for the missionary sermon which, by their appointment, he preached last evening.

The committee appointed to examine the records of the Synod of New Jersey, reported, and the book was approved to the end of the minutes of October, 1824.

The committee appointed to examine the records of the Synod of Virginia, reported, and the book was approved to page 83, with the exception of a resolution found in page 82, in which the Synod determined to discontinue the practice of calling upon their members for the reasons of their absence from its meetings.

The committee to whom was referred the memorial and petition of the agents of the Synod of Kentucky, made the following report, which was adopted, viz:

That they consider the statement and request contained in the said memorial, as worthy of the favourable notice of the Assembly. The plan which the Synod have formed of establishing a college in a central situation within their bounds, under their own management, and at the same time upon principles which shall effectually guard it against all illiberal and sectarian restrictions, appears to the committee well devised, and, if carried into successful operation, well adapted to produce effect of the most salutary kind, on the interests of sound learning, and genuine religion in the western country. And although they think it would not be prudent for the General Assembly, in ordinary cases, to pledge its influence in behalf of any particular literary institutions, yet, in the present case, when an enterprise of this nature is undertaken by one of our own Synods, upon a plan so truly worthy of universal patronage, and which, while it is calculated to promote knowledge and piety among all denominations, cannot fail, under the divine blessing, of benefitting our own communion, the committee are of the opinion that the Assembly would not be justifiable in withholding its countenance.

The committee, therefore, respectfully recommend to the Assembly the adoption of the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Assembly, the plan of the Synod of Kentucky for establishing a college under their own immediate management, is enlightened and judicious; that, if carried into execution upon the liberal principles embraced in the plan, and to which the Synod have bound themselves faithfully to adhere, it cannot fail of exerting a benign influence on the interests of literature and genuine religion in the West; and that they consider it as worthy of the patronage of the pious and wealthy of all denominations, who wish well to the advancement of the great cause of enlightened education, and a learned Christian ministry.

The committee appointed by the last Assembly on the subject involved in the appeal of Donald M'Crimmon, did not report. Resolved, that they be continued.

The committee appointed to examine the records of the Synod of Kentucky, reported, and the book was approved to page 113.

The committee appointed to consider the papers, communicated by the Trustees of the Assembly, relative to the Wheelock estate, made the following report, which was adopted, viz:

That since the papers have been put into their hands, a new communication has been received from Dr. Dana, the assiduous and able agent of the Assembly and the trustees, which gives a new and favourable turn to the business, and they recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. That Dr. Dana be continued as the agent of this Assembly.

2. That the whole business be referred to the trustees of the Assembly, with full authority to settle the concern in the best manner in their power.

The following question from the Presbytery of Baltimore, was presented by the committee of overtures, viz: "What is the course proper to be pursued by a Presbytery, when a minister with a certificate of good standing from a Presbytery that has no longer any existence, applies for admission, if the applicant has, in the interval between the dissolution of the one Presbytery and his application to the other, been guilty of some offence, for which the Presbytery applied to, would refer his case back to his own Presbytery, provided it were in existence?"

This overture was committed to Dr. Miller, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Nelson, Dr. Brown, and Mr. Johnson.

The committee appointed to make arrangements for the prayer meeting tomorrow evening, made a report which was accepted.

The committee appointed to take into consideration the subject of the request of the Rev. Dr. Green and Dr. Miller, to be released from their appointment, to write the history of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, and to suggest measures to be pursued by this Assembly in relation to the same, reported—That they have had the subject committed to them under consideration, and now beg leave, respectfully, to offer to the Assembly, the result of their reflections and inquiries relative to it.

The History of the Presbyterian Church, in these United States, appears to your committee to be a subject too important to be abandoned, and well worthy all the attention which can be bestowed upon it by this Assembly. Its importance will at once appear, when it is considered, how nearly it is connected with the propagation of the pure doctrines of the Bible, the progress of vital godliness, the spread of the gospel, and the rapid advancement of the interests of science.

Your committee, therefore, are of opinion that such measures ought to be adopted as will be calculated to ensure the continuation and completion of the History of the Presbyterian Church, with the least possible delay. The difficulties which must be encountered in the execution of this undertaking will not be diminished, but increased with time. And your committee are moreover happy to have it in their power to inform this Assembly, that they have received information of the existence, in different and distant parts of our country, of several important documents and Presbyterial records, which it is hoped may, in a good degree, supply that lack of information that has heretofore existed.

Your committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution, viz:—

Resolved, That the request made by the Rev. Drs. Green and Miller, to be released from their appointment to write the History of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, is received with unfeigned regret. But this Assembly viewing the request, under existing circumstances, to be both reasonable and proper, do further resolve that the same be granted.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Assembly be, and they hereby are, given to the Rev. Dr. Green, for his gratuitous offer of the whole result and fruits of his arduous labour bestowed in writing, in part, the desired History, as well as in collecting documents and various information, and in forming annals in relation to that part of the same, which yet remains to be executed.

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed, whose duty it shall be to receive from the Rev. Dr. Green the documents and annals, and information prepared by him to be furnished, and to collect such other documents as may be in their power, and may be necessary to the completion of the History of the Presbyterian church in the United States, with as little delay as possible; and whose further duty shall be to report from time to time their progress in the proposed undertaking to this Assembly.

The Rev. Ashbel Green, D. D., Rev. Jacob J. Janeway, D. D., and Rev. Ezra S. Ely, D. D., were appointed a committee for the purposes mentioned in the last resolution.

Resolved, That all the Presbyteries under the care of this Assembly, which have been formed since the year 1797, be earnestly requested, with all convenient expedition, to compile the histories respectively of their several Presbyteries, and transmit the same to the committee above mentioned, resident in the city of Philadelphia; and that any Presbyteries which were formed anterior to the year 1797, and which have not as yet forwarded their histories severally, be careful to prepare and forward them with as little delay as possible.

Resolved, That an Agent be appointed by this Assembly, in each Synod within our bounds, whose duty it shall be to collect and transmit to the said committee all such documents, printed and manuscript, as may tend, in their opinion, to throw any light on the History of any part of the Presbyterian Church.

The following persons were appointed Agents in their respective Synods, agreebly to the above resolution, viz:—

In the Synod of Genessee, Rev. Samuel T. Mills. Synod of Geneva, Henry Axtell, D. D. Synod of Albany, Gardner B. Perry. Synod of New York, Steph. N. Rowan, D. D. Synod of New Jersey, John M'Dowell, D. D. Synod of Philadelphia, George Duffield. Synod of Pittsburgh, Francis Herron, D. D. Synod of Virginia, John H. Rice, D. D. Synod of Kentucky, James Blythe, D. D. Synod of Ohio, Robert G. Wilson, D. D. Synod of Tennessee, Charles Coffin, D. D. Synod of North Carolina, John M. Wilson. Synod of South Carolina and Georgia, Francis Cummins, D. D.

The following question from the Presbytery of Genessee was presented by the committee of overtures, viz:—

"Common fame accuses two ruling elders of a church [they being the only acting elders] of unchristian conduct, which took place several years ago, but which has lately been made known to the Presbytery with which said church is connected: what is the duty of the Presbytery in the case?"

This overture was committed to Mr. Speer, Mr. Ostrom, and Mr. Brownlee.

A nomination was made of persons to be chosen delegates to the several Ecclesiastical bodies connected with this Assembly.

An overture on the subject of establishing a Theological Seminary in the West was reported by the committee of overtures, and made the order of the day for to-morrow morning.

An application from the churches of Granby, Oswego, and Hannibalville, in the Presbytery of Onondaga, in the Synod of Geneva, to be set off from that Presbytery, and attached to the Presbytery of Oswego, in the Synod of Albany, was made through the committee of overtures. Extracts from the minutes of the Presbyteries concerned were read, from which it appeared, that all the parties concerned were in favour of the measure; whereupon it was resolved, that the request of these congregations be and it hereby is granted.

Adjourned till this afternoon at 4 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Four o'clock, P. M.

The Assembly met, and was constituted by prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

Mr. Latta resigned his seat to the Rev. Eliphalet W. Gilbert, the alternate mentioned in their commission.

It being the order of the day for this afternoon, an election was held for delegates to attend the several Ecclesiastical bodies connected with this Assembly. The ballots were taken and committed to Mr. Biggs, Mr. Gilbert, and Mr. Nelson.

The Board of Missions reported, and their report was committed to Dr. Brownlee, Mr. Baldwin, and Mr. Hawes.

Mr. Adrian obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of the Assembly.

The committee appointed to count the votes for delegates to the several Ecclesiastical bodies connected with this Assembly, reported, and the following persons were declared duly elected, viz:

The Rev. James Hoge, the Rev. William Chester, and the Rev. Ezra S. Ely, D. D., to attend the next meeting of the General Association of Connecticut:

The Rev. James Hoge and the Rev. William Chester to attend the next meeting of the General Association of Massachusetts; and the Rev. Ezra S. Ely, D. D., alternate to either of them who may fail:

The Rev. Reuben Post to attend the next meeting of the General Association of New Hampshire, and of the General Convention of Vermont; and the Rev. Elisha P. Swift his alternate:

The Rev. Gardner B. Perry, and Mr. John L. Winne, ruling elder, to attend the next meeting of the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church; and the Rev. Henry R. Weed, alternate to Mr. Perry:

And the Rev. Robert Cathcart, D. D., and the Rev. William Neill, D. D., to attend the next meeting of the German Reformed Synod.

Resolved, That the delegates to the German Reformed Synod be allowed the same compensation for milage and attendance as is given to the delegates to the other Ecclesiastical bodies connected with this Assembly.

The Rev. J. N. C. Grier resigned his seat to the Rev. Amzi Babbit, the alternate mentioned in their commission.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

May 25, 9 *o'clock, A. M.*

The Assembly met, and was constituted by prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

Mr. Abraham R. Hall, a ruling elder from the Presbytery of Geneva, appeared in the Assembly, and his commission being read, took his seat.

Dr. M'Dowell resigned his seat to the Rev. Elias W. Crane, the principal mentioned in their commission.

Mr. Hunter had leave of absence from the remaining sessions of the Assembly.

The committee appointed to examine the Records of the Synod of Ohio, reported, and the book was approved to page 221.

The Commissioners, appointed by the late Synod of the Associate Reformed Church to settle all accounts belonging to the same, reported,

That since their former report, and settlement of their accounts, they have discovered stocks standing in the name of James R. Smith, and held in trust for the Associate Reformed Church, and for which the Commissioners have received the following sums of money, viz:

One hundred and eighty dollars were received from the Trustees of the United Insurance Company; one hundred and twenty-seven dollars and fifty cents, being four dividends on fifteen shares of the New York Insurance Company; and the proceeds of the sale of the said fifteen shares, amounting to nine hundred and twenty-three dollars and ninety-one cents. The two last mentioned sums, making together ten hundred and fifty-one dollars and forty-one cents, have been paid over to the Treasurer of the General Assembly, for the use of the Theological Seminary at Princeton, as per the receipt herewith. The first mentioned sum of one hundred and eighty dollars is reserved by the Commissioners to pay for writing up the minutes of the late General Synod of

the Associate Reformed Church, in conformity to a resolution adopted by the same.

The Commissioners believe that this closes the concerns of the late Synod, and that they have no other funds that can be collected, or property to be transferred, excepting three pews in the church in Murray Street, in this city, and which cannot at present be disposed of.

W. W. PHILLIPS, } *Commissioners of the late Synod*
ARCHIBALD FALCONER, } *of the Ass. Ref. Church.*

New York, May 23, 1828.

The General Assembly, taking into consideration the numerous and rapidly increasing population of that part of the United States and their territories, situated in the great valley of the Mississippi; and believing that the interests of the Presbyterian Church imperiously require it, and that the Redeemer's kingdom will be thereby promoted, do resolve, that it is expedient forthwith to establish a Theological Seminary in the West, under the supervision of the General Assembly.

Dr. Green, Dr. Blackburn, Mr. Jennings, Mr. James Hoge, Dr. Miller, Mr. Breckinridge, and Mr. Robert G. Johnson, were appointed a committee to report a plan for the establishment of said Seminary.

The committee to whom was referred the overture from the Presbytery of Genessee, made a report, which, being read and amended, was adopted, and is as follows, viz:—

Resolved, That the Presbytery is the competent court to try these two elders, and that it is their duty to cite the offending persons before them, and proceed to issue the case.

The committee appointed on the report of the Board of Missions made a report, which, being read and amended, was adopted, and is as follows, viz:—

Resolved, 1. That the report of the Board be accepted and approved.

2. That the Trustees be directed, and they are hereby directed, to issue a warrant for the payment of the sum now due to the missionaries who have been employed by the Board for the last year, amounting to $2701 66.

3. That it be recommended, and it is hereby most earnestly recommended, to all the churches under the care of the Assembly, to consider very seriously the case of the destitute parts of our country, and especially of the many thousands of families in the new States in the West, and in the South, which are growing up almost entirely destitute of the preaching of the gospel, and of all religious instruction; and that now it is of the utmost importance to seize the opportunity offered in Divine Providence, of using every means to mould their character (which is now forming) under the influence of our holy religion. Therefore resolved,

4. That it be most earnestly recommended to all our congregations to send up annual and liberal contributions to the Board, in order to their doing this more efficiently; it being always understood, however, that this recommendation shall not involve in censure any Presbytery, in any of the Synods, which have the permission of the General Assembly to manage their own missionary concerns.

5. That it be recommended to the Board to appropriate a considerable portion of their funds to the location of pastors in those destitute parts of the church, where, from the character of the population, there is a prospect of a permanent establishment, and where the pastor can, in the mean time, receive the chief part of his support.

6. *Resolved*, That it be recommended to the Board of Missions to appoint an agent or agents, to collect funds, with a special view to their assisting feeble infant churches in supporting in them the stated ministry of the word.

With respect to the narrative of the labours, progress, and reception of the missionaries, your committee would recommend, that it be put into the hands of the committee on the narrative of the state of religion, that they may embody in their communication whatever is important and interesting in the statements of the Board of Missions.

Mr. Gray resigned his seat to the Rev. John L. Vandervoort, the alternate mentioned in their commission.

Mr. Janvier resigned his seat to the Rev. Thomas H. Skinner, the alternate mentioned in their commission.

The Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary made their annual report, which was accepted, and committed to Mr. Davis, Mr. Wylie and Mr. Weed, to report the items which claim the particular attention of the Assembly; and, especially, to recommend ways and means to provide for the current expenses of the Institution through the ensuing year.

Resolved, That the report of the Board of Directors be printed under the direction of the Secretary of said Board.

A nomination was made to fill the vacancies in the Board of Directors.

Application was made through the committee of overtures, to erect a new Synod, to be composed of certain Presbyteries in the Synod of Pittsburgh. The Assembly, after hearing the papers in relation to this application read, and duly considering the subject,

Resolved, That the Presbyteries of Grand River, Portage, and Huron, be, and they hereby are, detached from the Synod of Pittsburgh, and constituted a new Synod, to be designated by the name of *Synod of the Western Reserve;* that they hold their first meeting at Hudson, on the 4th Tuesday of September next, at 11 o'clock, A. M., and that the Rev. Joseph Badger preach the Synodical sermon, and act as Moderator till another shall be chosen, or in case of his failure, then the oldest minister present shall officiate in his place.

The following question was presented by the committee of overtures, viz.

"Is it consistent with the constitution of our church, and with its purity and peace, that persons who manifest a decided hostility to creeds, confessions, and ecclesiastical formularies, as unscriptural and destructive to the rights of conscience, should be received as ministers of the gospel into the Presbyterian church?"

This overture was committed to Mr. Monteith, Mr. Fisk, and Mr. Duffield.

The following question was brought in by the committee of overtures, and after some discussion was dismissed, viz.

"Is a minister liable to censure for inviting a minister of the Cumberland Presbyterian denomination to preach in his pulpit, or for communing in a congregation of that denomination?"

The following overture was presented by the committee of overtures, viz.

"Can a Presbytery consistently acknowledge as valid, the ordinance of baptism as administered by those who are regularly suspended by a higher judicatory of the church? If not, how are we to regard the baptism of the Cumberland Presbyterians?"

A motion was made to dismiss this overture, and received some discussion, when the Assembly

Adjourned till 4 o'clock, P. M. Concluded with prayer.

4 *o'clock, P. M.*

The Assembly met, and was constituted by prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

Mr. Stinson obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of the Assembly.

The Narrative of the State of Religion was read, and after some general re

marks, was re-committed to the committee that drafted it, to be amended, and read as a part of the religious exercises assigned for this evening.

The overture in regard to the validity of the baptisms performed by the Cumberland Presbyterians was taken up, and the motion to dismiss was postponed, and the overture was committed to Mr. Woodbridge, Mr. Russell, and Mr. Crane.

The committee appointed to examine the records of the Synod of Philadelphia, reported, and the book was approved to page 121.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

May 26, 9 *o'clock, A. M.*

The Assembly met, and was constituted by prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The Rev. Allan D. Campbell, from the Presbytery of West Tennessee, and Mr. Samuel Bayard, a ruling elder from the Presbytery of New Brunswick, appeared in the Assembly, and their commissions being read, took their seats.

Mr. Stanley resigned his seat to Mr. James Ralston, the alternate mentioned in their commission.

Mr. Morrison resigned his seat to Mr. James Stuart, the alternate mentioned in their commission.

The Assembly were informed that the conveyance of the Wheelock estate granted to this Assembly, had been executed, and that the papers containing the conveyance, had been received by the trustees of the General Assembly.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Assembly be presented to the Rev. Daniel Dana, D. D., for his assiduous and faithful services in this business.

The judicial committee reported to the Assembly that the appeal of Mr. Amos Hawley, from a decision of the Synod of Albany, had been withdrawn, and they returned the papers and documents to the moderator of the Assembly.

The Assembly proceeded agreeably to the order of the day, to receive the votes for directors of the Theological Seminary, which were committed to Dr. Cathcart, Mr. Rodgers and Mr. Bayard.

In consequence of a storm last evening, the appointed prayer meeting was omitted; whereupon, resolved, that the Assembly will, with the leave of Providence, spend to-morrow evening, as a season of special prayer, in the Second Presbyterian Church, and that the exercises appointed for the last evening, be performed by the persons already designated.

A letter was received from the Rev. Dr. Wm. White, President of the Pennsylvania Institution for the instruction of the deaf and dumb, inviting the Assembly to attend the examination of the pupils of said Institution, this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Resolved, That the Assembly respectfully accept said invitation.

The committee appointed to consider the overture sent up by the Presbytery of Baltimore, respecting the course proper to be pursued by a Presbytery, when a minister with a certificate of good standing, from a Presbytery which has no longer any existence, applies for admission, but is supposed to be chargeable with some offence subsequently to the date of that certificate, made the following report, which was adopted, viz.

That after the most attentive consideration of the question presented in said overture, it appears to them that the proper answer is embraced in the following particulars, viz.

1. It is well known, that the book of discipline of our church expressly provides, that when a minister shall be dismissed by one Presbytery, with a view to his joining another, he shall always be considered as remaining under the jurisdiction of the Presbytery which dismissed him, until he actually becomes a member of another. In the case stated in the overture, however, as the dis-

missing Presbytery had become extinct, it was physically impossible to act according to the letter of this rule. In these circumstances, every principle of sound interpretation seems to direct, that, in ordinary cases, the Presbytery into which admission is sought, should receive the applicant; and, if he be charged with any offence, conduct the process against him.

2. Nevertheless, it is the privilege of every Presbytery to judge of the character and situation of those who apply to be admitted into their own body, and unless they are satisfied, to decline receiving the same. A Presbytery, it is true, may make an improper use of this privilege; in which case, the rejected applicant may appeal to the Synod or the General Assembly.

3. When any minister dismissed in good standing by an extinct Presbytery, is charged with an offence subsequently to the date of his dismission, the Presbytery to which he applies for admission, not only may, if they see cause, decline receiving him, but if their own situation be such that there is no prospect of their being able to conduct process against him in an impartial and efficient manner, ought to decline admitting him into their body.

4. In this case, ministers dismissed by an extinct Presbytery, and not received into any other, are to be considered as under the direction of their proper Synod, and ought to be disposed of as the Synod may order.

Whereas great inconvenience has been found to arise from the method of determining the milage of delegates to the General Assembly as heretofore pursued—therefore, resolved, that it be made the duty of the several Presbyteries, at the time of making out commissions for their Commissioners, to ascertain and fix the distance which their Commissioners, severally, would have to travel in coming to the General Assembly, if they should travel by the nearest practicable route; and to append an amount of the same in writing, to the commissions respectively.

The committee appointed to examine the records of the Synod of Geneva, reported, and the book was approved to page 413, with the exception of a resolution on page 383, respecting an order of the General Assembly.

A motion was made to send a proposition to the Presbyteries, to have the form of Government so amended, as to alter the ratio of representation to the General Assembly. After considerable discussion, this subject was committed to Dr. Miller, Mr. Wylie and Mr. Bogue.

The committee appointed to count the ballots for Directors of the Theological Seminary, made a report, from which it appeared that the following ministers and elders were elected for three years, viz:

Ministers—Rev. John Chester, D. D., Thomas M'Auley, D. D., Eliphalet Nott, D. D., Ezra Fisk, Asa Hillyer, D. D., Benjamin M. Palmer, D. D., Eliphalet W. Gilbert.

Elders—Mr. Zachariah Lewis, of New York; Eliphalet Wickes, of Jamaica, L. I.; Mr. John Van Cleve, of Princeton, N. J.

And that the Rev. Joshua T. Russell was elected for two years, in the place of the Rev. John B. Romeyn, D. D., deceased; the Rev. William W. Phillips, for one year, in the place of the Rev. John E. Latta, deceased, and Col. Robert G. Johnson, of Salem, N. J., for one year, in the place of Mr. Divie Bethune, deceased.

The appeal of Mr. David Price from the decision of the Synod of Geneva in his case, was made the order of the day for to-morrow morning.

The committee on the reference from the Presbytery of Cayuga, reported, that it is inexpedient for this Assembly to give an opinion on the case referred. This report was adopted by the Assembly.

The committees appointed to examine the records of the Synods of North Carolina and of Tennessee, reported respectively, that the records had not been put into their hands.

The Assembly proceeded to read the narrative on the state of religion by paragraphs, and having made some progress in this business, adjourned till this afternoon at half-past 4 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Half-past 4 *o'clock, P. M.*

The Assembly met, and was constituted by prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The Rev. Avelyn Sedgwick, from the Presbytery of Rochester, appeared in the Assembly, and his commission being read, took his seat as a member.

The Assembly resumed and finished reading by paragraphs, the narrative on the state of religion. The narrative thus amended was adopted.

Resolved, That it be committed to the Stated Clerk; and that he have 1500 copies printed.

Mr. King and Mr. Osborn had leave of absence from the remaining sessions of the Assembly.

Mr. Studdiford resigned his seat to the Rev. Nathaniel Pratt, the alternate mentioned in their commission.

The committee on the overture in regard to the validity of the baptisms performed by the Cumberland Presbyterians, made a report. After some discussion,

Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

May 27, 9 *o'clock, A. M.*

The Assembly met, and was constituted by prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

Dr. Brownlee obtained leave to resign his seat to the Rev. Jacob Kirkpatrick, the alternate mentioned in their commission.

Mr. Breese had leave of absence from the remaining sessions of the Assembly.

The report of the committee, under consideration when the Assembly adjourned last evening, was resumed.

A motion was made indefinitely to postpone that part of the report which related to the first question in the overture, viz. "Can a Presbytery consistently acknowledge as valid the ordinance of baptism as administered by those who are regularly suspended by a higher judicatory of the church?" The motion indefinitely to postpone, was carried in the affirmative.

After considerable discussion of that part of the report of the committee which related to the second question in the overture, viz. "How are we to regard the baptism of the Cumberland Presbyterians?"—this question was recommitted to Dr. Blackburn, Mr. Woodbridge, Mr. Russell, Mr. Nelson, Mr. John M'Farland, Dr. Green, and Mr. Biggs.

The order of the day for this morning, viz., the appeal of Mr. David Price, was postponed until this afternoon.

The committee appointed to consider and report to the General Assembly the measures which may be necessary and expedient for carrying into effect the resolution of the Assembly relative to the establishment of a Theological Seminary in the West, brought in a report, which, being read and amended, was adopted, and is as follows, viz.

Resolved 1. That the style or name of the contemplated institution shall be the Western Theological Seminary of the Presbyterian Church in the United States.

2. That in the opinion of your committee, the plan of the Theological Seminary at Princeton, ought to be also the plan of the contemplated Seminary in the West, with no other alterations whatever, than those which are indispensably necessary to accommodate it to the local situation and circumstances of the

new institution, and a single provision of a temporary kind, which will be specified in the next particular.

3. That a Board of Directors, consisting of twenty-one ministers and nine ruling elders, be appointed by ballot by the present General Assembly, who shall continue in office no longer than till they shall have had opportunity to report to the Assembly of the next year, and till that Assembly shall have made provision for a future election, agreeably to an arrangement to be made for the purpose by said Assembly.

4. That five commissioners be appointed by the present General Assembly to examine carefully the several sites which may be proposed for the contemplated Seminary, as to the healthfulness of the places and regions where these sites may be found, as to the amount of pecuniary aid and other property, which may be obtained from the inhabitants of the sites, and their vicinity, severally, in establishing the contemplated Seminary; and as to all other circumstances or considerations which ought to have influence in deciding on the location of the Seminary; and that these commissioners report the proposals that shall have been made to them, and their opinion on the whole subject of the location, to the Board of Directors, and that the Board of Directors, after considering the report of the commissioners, recommend to the next General Assembly, the most suitable place in their judgment for the establishment of the Western Theological Seminary. These commissioners are first to meet at the time and place of meeting of the Board of Directors specified in the next article.

5. That the first meeting of the Board of Directors appointed this year by the Assembly, shall be on the 3d Friday of July next, at 2 o'clock, P. M., at Chillicothe, in the state of Ohio, when they shall choose their officers, and do whatever else shall be found necessary to their full organization; and that the Board afterwards meet on their own adjournments, as often as they shall think it expedient. And it shall be the duty of this Board to take under consideration the plan of the Seminary at Princeton, and point out and report to the General Assembly of 1826, such alterations in said plan, as in their judgment may be necessary to accommodate it to the local situation of the Western Seminary. Nine members of the Board of Directors shall be a quorum, provided that at least five of this number be ministers of the gospel.

6. That a suitable number of agents be appointed by the present Assembly to solicit donations in behalf of the Western Seminary; and report thereon to the Board of Directors of said Seminary; and that said Board of Directors take such measures as they shall think most proper for the safe keeping of the moneys or other property which the agents shall obtain.

7. That it shall be considered as a principle fully understood in the establishment of the Western Seminary, and to be regarded as fundamental in all time to come, that no part of the funds already obtained, or which shall hereafter be obtained for the Seminary at Princeton, shall, on any consideration whatever, be appropriated or employed, or loaned, in aid of the Western Seminary; and, in like manner, that no part of the funds obtained for the Western Seminary, shall ever be employed or loaned in aid of the Seminary at Princeton.

After the adoption of the above resolutions, the Assembly united in prayer, returning thanks to God for the harmony and unanimity manifested on this subject; and imploring the divine blessing upon the Seminary which the Assembly had just resolved to establish.

Resolved, That it be the order of the day for to-morrow morning to nominate Directors for the Western Theological Seminary; and that the election for the same be held on Monday morning.

Adjourned till 4 o'clock, this afternoon. Concluded with prayer.

4 o'clock, P. M.

The Assembly met, and was constituted by prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

Dr. Miller obtained leave to resign his seat to the Rev. George S. Woodhull, the alternate mentioned in their commission.

Mr. Van Sinderen, Mr. Urie and Mr. M'Nair, obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of the Assembly.

The following extract from the minutes of the Synod of Virginia, was presented by the committee of overtures, viz:

"A communication was laid before the Synod, from the Synod of North Carolina, requesting, for reasons stated in their memorial, the concurrence of this Synod with that body, in an application to the next General Assembly, to change the boundary line between the two Synods, so as to make the Dan River the line from ten miles below Leaksville, to the eastern boundary of Warren, North Carolina.

"Whereupon, on motion resolved, that this Synod will concur with the Synod of North Carolina, in referring the proposal for changing the boundary, to the next General Assembly, and that the Rev. Samuel B. Wilson be requested to transmit to that Synod an attested copy of this resolution."

Resolved, That the application contained in the foregoing extract be granted, and the boundary line between the Synods of Virginia and North Carolina, is hereby altered agreeably to the above overture.

The committee to whom was referred the proposed alteration in the Form of Government, respecting the ratio of representation in the General Assembly, made a report, which being read and amended was adopted, and is as follows, viz:

That in their opinion, this General Assembly ought to propose to the Presbyteries, that the second section of the 12th chapter of the Form of Government of the Presbyterian Church, be so altered as to read as follows, viz:

"The General Assembly shall consist of an equal delegation of bishops and elders from each Presbytery, in the following proportion, viz: each Presbytery consisting of not more than twelve ministers, shall send one minister and one elder; each Presbytery consisting of more than twelve ministers, and not more than twenty-four, shall send two ministers and two elders; and in the like proportion for every twelve ministers in any Presbytery—and these delegates so appointed shall be styled Commissioners to the General Assembly."

Resolved, That all the Presbyteries be careful to send up in writing to the next General Assembly, their decisions respectively in regard to the above proposed amendment to the Form of Government.

The order of the day for this afternoon, viz:—The appeal of David Price was further postponed until to-morrow morning.

Resolved, That the Trustees of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America be and they hereby are authorized to accept the conveyance, under date of the 12th day of May, 1825, by the Rev. Dr. William Allen, President of Bowdoin College, in the State of Maine, and Maria Mallenville Allen, his wife, executed to the Rev. Doctors John* Carnahan, Samuel Miller, and Archibald Alexander, for the real estate therein mentioned and described, which had been devised by the Honorable John Wheelock, Doctor of Laws, and formerly President of Dartmouth College in the State of New Hampshire, by his last will, dated the 29th day of March, 1817, in trust for the use of the Theological Seminary of the said church, located at Princeton; or such other deed as may be hereafter executed upon the same

* *John* is here a misnomer for *James*.

trusts and conditions to the Rev. Doctors James Carnahan, Samuel Miller and Archibald Alexander, and to accede to the terms and conditions expressed in the said conveyance.

Resolved, That the Trustees remit to the Rev. Doctor Dana, for the purpose of being paid to the Rev. Doctor William Allen, the sum of one hundred and twenty-six dollars, being for rent and interests of the Brigham Farm in Hanover, previous to the year 1819.

The following petition from the Presbytery of Abingdon, presented by the committee of overtures, was taken up, viz:—

"The Presbytery of Abingdon respectfully represent to the General Assembly that they fully believe that the interests of religion would be promoted in this region of country by a new Synod being formed, to be composed of the Presbytery of Abingdon, and such Presbyteries of the Synod of Tennessee as may be willing to be thrown into a connection of that kind; and the Presbytery of Abingdon, moreover, having obtained satisfactory evidence that a correspondent feeling exists to a considerable extent amongst the members of the Tennessee Synod, do therefore pray your Reverend body to separate them from the Synod of Virginia, and attach them to the Synod of Tennessee, with a view to the forming of a new Synod as above stated, which measure we wish might be forthwith adopted."

Resolved, That the prayer of the above petition be granted, and that the Presbytery of Abingdon be, and it hereby is, detached from the Synod of Virginia, and annexed to the Synod of Tennessee.

Mr. Crane obtained leave to resign his seat to the Rev. John M'Dowell, D. D., the alternate mentioned in their commission.

Mr. Wood resigned his seat to the Rev. Lebbeus Armstrong, the principal mentioned in their commission.

The overture on the subject of an annual correspondence with the Protestant church in France was taken up, and indefinitely postponed.

Mr. Snodgrass obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of the Assembly.

The committee appointed to inquire into the reasons why the publication and distribution of the minutes of the last Assembly were so long delayed; and why the statistical accounts were not published with them as ordered by the last Assembly, &c., reported, and their report, after being read and amended, was adopted, and is as follows, viz:—

That after the most diligent inquiry they could make on the subject, it appears that the causes of the delay and deficiency in question have been such as are not likely to recur.

They would therefore submit the following resolution, viz:—

That it be made the duty of the stated clerk, as heretofore, to procure the publication and distribution of the Minutes by the printer and agent of the Assembly, and that he be directed to take special care to have them published and distributed as soon as possible after the rising of the Assembly.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

May 28, 9 *o'clock, A. M.*

The Assembly met, and was constituted by prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

Rev. Joseph Badger was appointed an Agent in the Western Reserve Synod, to collect and transmit to the committee in Philadelphia all documents which may tend to throw light on the History of the Presbyterian Church.

The Prayer Meeting appointed for last evening was duly attended.

The committee appointed to receive and examine the Synodical and Presbyterial reports, and read to the Assembly such parts as they might judge neces-

sary to be read for the information of the Assembly, and also to prepare a statement to be transcribed into the compendious view reported; and their report being read, it was directed that the stated clerk transcribe it into the compendious view. It was agreed that the following part be entered on the minutes, viz:—

From the compendious view it appears that there are under the care of the General Assembly 13 Synods, comprising 82 Presbyteries—8 of the Synods and 75 Presbyteries have sent up to this Assembly reports, more or less complete. Those 75 Presbyteries which have sent up their reports have reported the number and names of ministers and congregations, and almost all have reported the number and names of licentiates, and the number of candidates. 75 Presbyteries and 982 congregations have reported the number of communicants, and 74 Presbyteries and 818 congregations have reported the number of baptisms. Deducting the number of Presbyteries and congregations, which have reported upon these subjects respectively, from the whole number under the care of the Assembly, there remain 7 Presbyteries and 655 congregations which have not reported the number of communicants, and 8 Presbyteries and 819 congregations which have not reported the number of baptisms. Generally, however, the congregations delinquent in these particulars are vacant. Fourteen Presbyteries have reported collections for the Presbyterial fund, leaving 68 which have not reported; 51 Presbyteries for the Education fund, leaving 31 which have not reported; 53 Presbyteries for the Missionary fund, leaving 29 which have not reported; 65 Presbyteries for the Commissioners' fund, leaving 17 which have not reported; 17 Presbyteries for the Theological Seminary, leaving 65 which have not reported.

Sixteen Presbyteries pay their own Commissioners. The number of ministers reported is 1021; the number of licentiates 173; the number of candidates 193; and the number of congregations 1637. The number of communicants added last year in 761 congregations has been 8666, and the whole number of communicants in 982 congregations is 103,531. The number of adult baptisms in 439 congregations has been 1709, and the number of infant baptisms in 818 congregations has been 9730. On comparing these reports with those of last year, it appears that the number of congregations from which reports on the number of communicants have been transmitted to the Assembly is 110 less than last year.

On the recommendation of the committee, the Assembly adopted the following resolution, viz. The General Assembly again direct the attention of the Presbyteries to the importance of great care in sending up their Presbyterial reports annually, as perfect as possible, and according to the form some time since sent down to them by the Assembly.

A nomination was made for Directors of the Western Theological Seminary, and also for commissioners in regard to the location of the said Seminary.

The appeal of Mr. David Price from a decision of the Synod of Geneva, affirming a decision of the Presbytery of Cayuga, affirming a decision of the session of the 1st church of Genoa, by which he was suspended from the sealing ordinances of the church, was taken up. The Rev. Dr. Ezra S. Ely was, at the request of the appellant, appointed counsel in his case. All the documents on the subject were heard. Dr. Ely was then heard on the behalf of Mr. Price; and members of the Synod were heard in explanation of the grounds of their decision. The Assembly then

Adjourned till 4 o'clock, P. M. Concluded with prayer.

Four o'clock, P. M.

The Assembly met, and was constituted by prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The Assembly resumed the consideration of the appeal of Mr. Price. Dr. Ely was heard in behalf of the appellant, and the Synod was again heard, in explanation of their decision. The parties and the members of the Synod then withdrew: after which the roll was called agreeably to a constitutional rule, to give the members an opportunity to express their opinions on the case. After considerable progress in this business, the Assembly

Adjourned till 9 o'clock on Monday morning. Concluded with prayer.

May 30, 9 *o'clock, A. M.*

The Assembly met, and was constituted by prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

Mr. Sedgwick and Mr. Smith had leave of absence from the remaining sessions of the Assembly.

The Assembly resumed and finished calling the roll, in the case of Mr. David Price.

The final vote was then taken, when it was resolved that the appeal of Mr. Price be, and it hereby is sustained.

Mr. Frost, Mr. Jennings, and Mr. M'Farland, were appointed a committee to draw up a minute on this subject.

Mr. Weed obtained leave to resign his seat to the Rev. Isaac W. Platt, an alternate mentioned in the general commission.

Mr. Steele and Mr. Leavitt had leave of absence from the remaining sessions of the Assembly.

An election was held for Directors of the Western Theological Seminary. The ballots being taken were committed to Mr. Woodhull, Mr. Whelpley, and Mr. Hawley.

The Assembly proceeded to elect commissioners, in regard to the location of the Western Seminary; when the following persons were appointed, viz.

Gen. Andrew Jackson, of Tennessee; Hon. Benjamin Mills, of Paris, Kentucky; Hon. John Thompson, of Chillicothe, Ohio; Rev. Obadiah Jennings, of Pennsylvania; Rev. Andrew Wylie, of Pennsylvania.

The Assembly proceeded to make choice of agents to solicit funds for the establishment of the Western Theological Seminary, when the following persons were appointed, viz.

Rev. James Hoge, of Columbus, Ohio; Rev. David Montfort, of Millville, Hamilton county, Ohio; Rev. James Culbertson, of Zanesville, Ohio; Rev. Thomas Barr, of Wooster, Ohio; Rev. William Wylie, of Wheeling, Virginia; Rev. Elisha P. Swift, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Rev. Obadiah Jennings, of Washington, Pennsylvania.

Adjourned till half past 3 o'clock, this afternoon. Concluded with prayer.

Half past 3 *o'clock, P. M.*

The Assembly met, and was constituted by prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

Mr. E. Williams and Mr. Wood had leave of absence from the remaining sessions of the Assembly.

The Assembly proceeded to the election of persons to fill up the vacancies in the Board of Education, when the following persons were declared duly chosen for four years, viz.

Ministers.—Rev. John H. Rice, D. D.; Moses Waddel, D. D.; Henry Axtell, D. D.; Archibald Alexander, D. D.; Stephen N. Rowan, D. D.; Thomas H. Skinner.

Elders.—John Woodworth, Esq. of the Synod of Albany; Alexander Henry, Esq. of Philadelphia; Mr. Horace Hill, of the Synod of Geneva; William Kirkpatrick, Esq. of Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

The committee appointed to make an apportionment of the commissioners' fund, made a report, which was adopted.

Resolved, That the treasurer of the Trustees of the General Assembly pay to the commissioners severally, the sums apportioned to them by the committee.

The committee to which was referred the report of the Directors of the Theological Seminary, submitted a report, which being read and amended was adopted, and is as follows, viz.

In the first place, they are compelled to notice with regret, the prevalence of what they deem a serious evil, not only to the Seminary, but to the church at large, in the number of students who annually leave the Institution, before the prescribed course of studies is completed. By a reference to the report of the Directors, it will be seen that a large majority of the last class is included in this delinquency. The unhappy consequences of this practice are too obvious to require a minute statement from your committee. It is to be hoped however that some adequate remedy may be applied.

Another item which claims the attention of the Assembly, is the insufficiency of the contingent fund to meet the current expenses of the Institution. On this point the report exhibits a deficiency of $2000; to raise which sum, your committee, after a careful consideration, would recommend as the most eligible plan, the appointment of a special agent, whose instructions, if it is thought proper, might also extend to the completing of the unfinished Professorships.

The Rev. Isaac W. Platt was appointed an agent agreeably to the above recommendation. *Resolved*, that he be allowed for his services and expenses, at the rate of $50 per month, while engaged in this business.

Resolved, That in case of necessity, the Directors of the Theological Seminary be, and they are hereby authorized to address a circular letter to such churches as they may judge proper, soliciting a collection for the Contingent Fund.

Resolved, That the Rev. John M'Dowell, D. D., the Rev. Henry R. Weed, the Rev. Samuel S. Davis, and the Rev. Joshua T. Russell be, and they hereby are appointed General Agents, with discretionary powers, as to the places in which they shall pursue their agencies, respectively.

Resolved, That the agents be, and they are hereby directed, in their solicitations, to pay particular attention to the increase of the Permanent Fund, and when they solicit for the Permanent Fund within the bounds of the Synods which have resolved to endow Professorships in the Seminary, the agents are hereby directed to solicit for the endowment of said Professorships.

Resolved, That there be appropriated for the payment of Professors' salaries in the Theological Semimary, for the ensuing year, the sum of $4800.

The General Assembly having witnessed with high gratification the progress of the American Colonization Society, in a great work of humanity and religion, and believing that the temporal prosperity and moral interests of an extensive section of our country, of a numerous, degraded and miserable class of men in the midst of us, and of the vast continent of Africa, now uncivilized and unchristian, are intimately connected with the success of this Institution,—Therefore,

Resolved, That this Assembly recommend to the churches under their care, to patronize the objects of the American Colonization Society, and particularly that they take up collections in aid of its funds, on the 4th of July next, or on the Sabbath immediately preceding or succeeding that day; and whenever such course may be thought expedient, to give their assistance, in such manner as may be most conducive to the interests of the general cause.

The committee appointed to count the votes given for Directors of the Western Theological Seminary, reported, and from their report it appeared, that the following persons have been elected Directors of said Seminary for one year, viz :—

Ministers—Rev. Gideon Blackburn, D. D., Matthew Brown, D. D., Francis Herron, D. D., Robert G. Wilson, D. D., Duncan Brown, Randolph Stone, William Wylie, James Scott, James Hoge, John T. Edgar, Allan D. Campbell, Obadiah Jennings, Elisha P. Swift, William Speer, John Breckinridge, John Seward, James Culbertson, John Thompson, James Blythe, D. D., Murdock Murphy, Donald M'Intosh.

Elders—Edward Ward, of Florence, Alabama; George Plummer, of Robstown, Pa.; Walter Dunn, of Chillicothe, Ohio; Samuel Hudson, of Hudson, Ohio; Matthew B. Lowry, of Pittsburgh, Pa.; John Milligan, of Steubenville, Ohio; Thomas T. Skillman, of Lexington, Ky.; Samuel F. M'Cracken, of Lancaster, Ohio; Thomas P. Smith, of Paris, Ky.

Ordered that the Stated Clerk, give timely information of their appointment to the Directors, Commissioners and Agents of the Western Theological Seminary.

The committee appointed to prepare a minute to be adopted on the subject of the appeal of David Price from the decision of the Synod of Geneva, made a report, which, being read and amended, was adopted, and is as follows, viz.

The Assembly sustain the appeal of David Price from the decision of the Synod of Geneva, on the ground that the charge of intoxication was not sufficiently supported by the testimony; although it does appear, principally from his own confession, that he had made an unbecoming use of ardent spirits; and that an admonition was, in the view of the Assembly, deserved, and would have been sufficient.

The judicial committee reported the appeals and complaints of Newton Hawes and Harvey Chapin; from which report it appeared, that the Records of the Presbytery of Genessee are not present. Therefore, resolved, that this Assembly cannot proceed to try and issue said appeals and complaints.

Mr. Calvin Colton had leave of absence from the remaining sessions of the Assembly.

The committee appointed on an overture respecting the consistency of admitting into this church ministers who manifest a decided hostility to ecclesiastical creeds, confessions and formularies, made the following report, which was adopted, viz.

1. That the Constitution, as is well known, expressly requires of all candidates for admission, a solemn declaration that they sincerely receive and adopt the Confession of Faith of this Church, as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures.

2. That the last Assembly, in a report of their committee, to be seen on the minutes, have so explicitly and fully declared the sentiments of this church in regard to her ecclesiastical standards, and all within her communion who may traduce them, that no further expression of our views on this subject is deemed necessary.

The committee to whom was referred the overture respecting the Cumberland Presbyterians, made a report, which was discussed at some length, when the Assembly adjourned till to-morrow morning at half-past 8 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

May 31, *half-past* 8 *o'clock, A. M.*

The Assembly met, and was constituted by prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

Col. Robert G. Johnson and Mr. Nixon had leave of absence from the remaining sessions of the Assembly.

Resolved, That in future the Presbyteries in making up their reports, designate stated supplies, presidents, professors, and officers in theological and literary institutions, from ministers *without charge*.

The Assembly resumed the consideration of the report of the committee on the overture respecting the Cumberland Presbyterians. After considerable discussion, the report of the committee was adopted, and is as follows, viz:—

1. That in the opinion of this Assembly, ministers of the Presbyterian church when regularly *suspended* by the competent judicatories have no right to exercise the functions of a minister during that suspension.

2. That while those persons styling themselves the Cumberland Presbytery were under *suspension*, their administrations are to be considered as invalid; but after the General Assembly have declared them as no longer connected with our church, their administrations are to be viewed in the same light with those of other denominations not connected with our body. This decision is grounded on the opinion, that the act of the Assembly of 1814 precluded the propriety of DEPOSITION, or any other process in the case.

The committee appointed by the General Assembly of 1824 to receive from the Editor of the Christian Advocate the tithe of the net profits of that work, which is devoted to Christian charities, and to make a distribution of the same, made the following report, which was accepted, viz:—

That according to a statement presented to your committee by the Editor of the Christian Advocate, it appears that the profits hitherto received on the 1st volume of that work have been - - - - - - - - - $200

Profits on 2d volume do. - - - - - - - - - 264

Amount, - - - - - - - - - - - - $464

It is expected that further profits will yet accrue on volume II.

The tithe of this sum is $46.44, which is now to be distributed by your committee, according to the resolution under which they act. In addition to this, Mr. E. Littell, the publisher of the 1st volume of the Christian Advocate, has given two copies of Horne's Introduction to the Bible, valued at $15 a copy. This added to the former sum, makes $76.44.

In conformity with the wishes of the Editor of the Christian Advocate, which the committee thought it right in this case to consult, and according to their own judgment on the subject, it is believed that the best application which can be made of the avails of this charity will be, not that they should be distributed annually to several purposes, or even spent in any way within the year; but that they should go to the formation of an accumulating fund, which may ultimately be of permanent utility. The committee have therefore given it as their opinion that one copy of Horne's Introduction to the Bible be given to the Theological Seminary at Princeton, and the other copy to the Western Theological Seminary; and that the $46.44 now in hand, and the tithe of the Christian Advocate in each succeeding year, go to the founding of a scholarship in the Western Theological Seminary, to be called "The Christian Advocate Scholarship." The annual interest of the several sums as they shall be received, may be either spent or added to the principal, as the Directors of the Seminary may determine. If these sums shall eventually reach an amount sufficient to endow a Scholarship, it shall be called by the name that has been mentioned, and the Directors of the Seminary shall always choose the incumbent. If the several sums received shall not at the death of the present Editor of the Advocate, or at the discontinuance of that work, amount to a sum sufficient to found a Scholarship, the amount that shall have been received shall be disposed of in any manner that the Directors of the Western Theological Seminary shall determine.

Resolved, That there be no election of Trustees of the General Assembly this year.

The committee appointed by the last Assembly to take into consideration the propriety of making certain alterations in the existing rules which govern the

proceedings of the General Assembly, and if necessary, alterations in the constitution of our church, reported that they had not fulfilled their appointment.

Resolved, That they be continued, and that they report to the next General Assembly.

Adjourned till 4 o'clock, P. M. Concluded with prayer.

4 o'clock, P. M.

The Assembly met, and was constituted by prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

Resolved, That the Board of Education may appoint any person whom they deem suitable to be their Treasurer, to continue in office during their pleasure; and that he shall be *ex officio* a member of said Board.

Resolved, That hereafter *five* instead of *seven* shall constitute a quorum of the Board of Education.

Resolved, That the Clerks of this Assembly be directed to make such arrangements, and procure such conveniences for the use of the Moderator and other officers of the next Assembly, as may assist them to perform their duties in the Assembly with comfort and expedition.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be directed to publish in the appendix to the minutes of the present year the names of Synods, Presbyteries, Ministers, and Congregations; annexing to each congregation the whole number of communicants in the same. And where the reports of the present year are in any of these respects deficient, he is hereby directed to supply the deficiency from the reports of the previous year.

The following resolution was presented through the committee of overtures, and adopted, viz:—

Resolved, That a committee be appointed by this General Assembly to confer with a similar committee to be appointed by the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, should they deem it expedient to appoint such a committee, and to prepare a plan of correspondence between the two bodies.

The Rev. Stephen N. Rowan, D. D., the Rev. Elihu Baldwin, and the Rev. Robert M'Cartee, were appointed a committee, agreeably to the above resolution.

The following persons were chosen and appointed a Board of Missions for the ensuing year, viz:—

Of Philadelphia and its vicinity, the Rev. Ashbel Green, D. D., the Rev. James P. Wilson, D. D., the Rev. Archibald Alexander, D. D., the Rev. Samuel Miller, D. D., the Rev. Jacob J. Janeway, D. D., the Rev. Ezra S. Ely, D. D., the Rev. Ebenezer Dickey, D. D., the Rev. George C. Potts, the Rev. Thomas H. Skinner, the Rev. James Patterson, the Rev. William M. Engles, and Messrs. Robert Smith, Robert Ralston, John Connelly, John M'Mullin, and Samuel Bayard.

Of New York and its vicinity, the Rev. Stephen N. Rowan, D. D., the Rev. Joseph M'Elroy, and Messrs. Robert Lenox, J. R. B. Rodgers, Z. Lewis, R. Havens, and Peter Hawes.

Of the Synod of Genessee, the Rev. E. Fitch, D. D.

Of the Synod of Geneva, the Rev. M. L. R. Perrine, D. D.

Of the Synod of Albany, the Rev. John Chester, D. D.

Of the Synod of New York, the Rev. John Johnson.

Of the Synod of New Jersey, the Rev. Asa Hillyer, D. D.

Of the Synod of Philadelphia, the Rev. Robert Cathcart, D. D.

Of the Synod of Pittsburgh, the Rev. Elisha Macurdy.

Of the Synod of Virginia, the Rev. John H. Rice, D. D.

Of the Synod of Kentucky, the Rev. James Blythe, D. D.

Of the Synod of Ohio, the Rev. Robert G. Wilson, D. D.

Of the Synod of North Carolina, the Rev. John M. Wilson.

Of the Synod of South Carolina and Georgia, the Rev. Richard B. Cater.

Of the Synod of Tennessee, the Rev. Duncan Brown.

Resolved, That the Assembly will make no change this year, in the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary at Princeton.

The Board of Education reported, and their report was accepted. Ordered that it be printed in the Appendix to the minutes.

The roll was called agreeably to a standing rule, to ascertain whether any members had left the Assembly without leave, and it appeared that Mr. Robert Porter, of New Castle Presbytery, was absent without leave.

Resolved, That this Assembly be dissolved, and that another Assembly chosen in the same manner be required to meet in the First Presbyterian Church in this city, on the third Thursday in May, 1826, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

Concluded with singing, prayer, and the apostolic benediction.

STATISTICAL REPORT.

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, in the United States of America, on the 1st of June, A. D. 1825, had under its care fourteen Synods, viz:—I. The Synod of Genessee. II. The Synod of Geneva. III. The Synod of Albany. IV. The Synod of New York. V. The Synod of New Jersey. VI. The Synod of Philadelphia. VII. The Synod of Pittsburgh. VIII. The Synod of Ohio. IX. The Synod of the Western Reserve. X. The Synod of Virginia. XI. The Synod of Kentucky. XII. The Synod of Tennessee. XIII. The Synod of North Carolina. And XIV. The Synod of South Carolina and Georgia.

I. The *Synod* of Genessee contains the Presbyteries of 1. Niagara, 2. Genessee, 3. Rochester, 4. Ontario, and 5. Buffalo.

II. The *Synod* of Geneva contains the Presbyteries of 1. Bath, 2. Geneva, 3. Cayuga, 4. Onondaga.

III. The *Synod* of Albany contains the Presbyteries of 1. Londonderry, 2. Troy, 3. Columbia, 4. Albany, 5. Otsego, 6. Oneida, 7. Champlain, 8. St. Lawrence, 9. Ogdensburgh, and 10. Oswego.

IV. The *Synod* of New York contains the Presbyteries of 1. Long Island, 2. Hudson, 3. North River, 4. New York, and 5. New York Second.

V. The *Synod* of New Jersey contains the Presbyteries of 1. Newark, 2. Elizabethtown, 3. New Brunswick, 4. Newtown, and 5. Susquehanna.

VI. The *Synod* of Philadelphia contains the Presbyteries of 1. Philadelphia, 2. New Castle, 3. Carlisle, 4. Huntingdon, 5. Northumberland, 6. Baltimore, 7. District of Columbia, and 8. Lewes.*

VII. The *Synod* of Pittsburgh contains the Presbyteries of 1. Redstone, 2. Ohio, 3. Hartford, 4. Erie, 5. Washington, 6. Steubenville, 7. Allegheny.

VIII. The *Synod* of Ohio contains the Presbyteries of 1. Chillicothe, 2. Lancaster, 3. Miami, 4. Columbus, 5. Richland, 6. Cincinnati, and 7. Athens.

IX. The *Synod* of the Western Reserve contains the Presbyteries of 1. Grand River, 2. Portage, and 3. Huron.

X. The *Synod* of Virginia contains the Presbyteries of 1. Hanover, 2. Lexington, and 3. Winchester.

XI. The *Synod* of Kentucky contains the Presbyteries of 1. Transylvania, 2. West Lexington, 3. Muhlenberg, 4. Louisville, 5. Ebenezer, and 6. Salem.

* The Second Presbytery of Philadelphia, which belonged to this Synod in 1824, "unanimously agreed to suspend their functions as a Presbytery, from and after the 9th of April, 1825—and have granted testimonials to their members, licentiates and candidates, to become connected with such Presbyteries belonging to the General Assembly as they may desire."

XII. The *Synod* of Tennessee contains the Presbyteries of 1. Abingdon, 2. Union, 3. West Tennessee, 4. Shiloh, 5. Mississippi, and 6. Missouri.

XIII. The *Synod* of North Carolina contains the Presbyteries of 1. Orange, 2. Fayetteville, 3. Concord, 4. Mecklenburg, and 5. Bethel.

XIV. The *Synod* of South Carolina and Georgia contains the Presbyteries of 1. South Carolina, 2. Hopewell, 3. Charleston Union, 4. Harmony, 5. Georgia, 6. Alabama, and 7. North Alabama.

The Presbyteries above enumerated amount to eighty-one, and from the reports of 1824 and 1825, they have under their care 1772 congregations, 1080 ministers, 176 licentiates, and 196 candidates for licensure. In 1121 congregations which have reported on the subject, there are 122,382 communicants, of whom 10,431 were added in the year preceding May 1824, and 9098 in the last year. Of course, the accessions of communicants were less the last year, than the year preceding, by 1333. How many communicants there are in the 667 congregations which have not reported their members in full communion, the Stated Clerk is unable to say; but they would doubtless average at 70 each, which would give 46,690, and make a grand total of 169,072.

During the two last years in 902 congregations 22,672 persons were baptized, of whom 3926 were adults, and 18,746 infants. If we suppose that the ministers in the 886 congregations which have not reported on baptism, have baptized only half so many, on an average, in each congregation, as have been baptized in those congregations which have reported, then we must add 12,246 to the cases of baptism for the two last years, making a grand total for that period, of 34,918 adults and infants.

From the reports of Synods and Presbyteries for May, 1824, and May, 1825, the following Statistical Tables have been compiled. The numbers for the two past years, which have been returned, are collated into one amount, under the several heads; and those Presbyteries and congregations which have sent up only *one report* on any item within the two years, are distinguished by an asterisk affixed to the same. The churches which are *returned* as vacant are marked with a V. following their names, but in numerous instances the Presbyteries have not designated them as such.

SUMMARY VIEW OF THE PRESBYTERIES.

NAMES OF PRESBYTERIES.	Ministers.	Licentiates.	Candidates.	Churches.	Baptisms.	Communicants.	Presbyterial Funds.	Missionary Funds.	Commissioner's Funds.	Theological Seminary Funds.	Education Funds.
Niagara,	6	3		13	76	375		$26 70	$41 19		
Genessee,	10		1	22	180	789			47 61		$39 67
Rochester,	12	2		13	68	681			24 82		
Ontario,	13		3	15	158	1239	$14 97	5 50	61 10	$6 85	
Buffalo,	6	2	3	27	115	603			16 88		49 06
Bath,	9	1		19	184	854			26 87		
Geneva,	22	1	7	26	480	2476		6 87	120 36		
Cayuga,	29	7		37	335	2552			83 24		337 95
Onondaga,	23		2	33	481	3125		30 00	61 02		34 18
Londonderry,	24			15	295	1797		87 01	85 68		43 00
Troy,	12	2	2	23	484	2177		89 81	100 24		386 28
Columbia,	15	3	3	10	154	932		595 00	82 81		20 12
Albany,	31	7	22	28	755	4875		116 23	224 83	58 12	567 62
Otsego,	13	5	2	13	152	1324		2 00	40 31	25 12	
Oneida,	34	1	6	28	396	2755			151 38		2028 40
Champlain,	9			7	39	285			26 00	5 00	5 00
St. Lawrence,	22	1	1	19	417	1473		7 00	93 17		3 81
Ogdensburgh,	9			10	107	699	37 00	12 77	36 48		
Oswego,	7	1		5	162	894			29 75		
Long Island,	14	3	2	15	67	804		32 17	37 53	3 90	17 20
Hudson,	16	3	6	24	147	1923		28 40	37 27		42 82
North River,	19	3	2	21	262	2029		72 15	102 05		70 23
New York,	27	11	5	24	860	4340		215 32	248 13	4 84	131 95
2d Pres. of N. York,	8	4	6	4		880			16 00	53 00	
Newark,	20	5	5	19	477	3025		115 43	113 19		212 52
Elizabethtown,	17	2	8	16	487	3162		98 12	88 11		150 81
New Brunswick,	22	16	8	17	317	2224		104 71	44 78		85 18
Newton,	17	1	1	30	573	2966	77 20	95 35	57 09	7 70	2 00
Susquehanna,	11	1	3	27	301	1221		22 46	22 98	50 00	46 05
Philadelphia,	30	10	14	40	912	5806	138 38	434 97	208 56	236 69	255 95
New Castle,	21	2	6	34	659	3491		181 44	120 25		542 13
Carlisle,	22	3	3	37	653	3242	5 00	162 19	101 00	21 00	104 91
Huntingdon,	8		3	31	557	2155		39 68	81 32		
Northumberland,	8	2	1	16	475	1831			60 00		60 00
Baltimore,	7	5	2	6	243	710	40 00	68 00	20 00	150 00	53 00
District of Columbia,	13	1		9	126	555	115 00	41 00	25 00	15 00	92 39
Lewes,	6	2	1	18	4	20		19 08	27 23		6 33
Late 2d Pr. of Philad.	5			5	59	930	30 00			112 05	
Redstone,	21	1	1	42	841	3429		1046 83	126 93		189 23
Ohio,	17	2	2	21	516	2211		700 74	88 81	83 75	415 31
Hartford,	11	1		27	458	2339		790 50	58 23		10 00
Erie,	8	1	3	24	121	1037		397 40	37 80		151 00
Washington,	11	9		23	431	2260		1444 49	97 61		145 26
Steubenville,	10		1	21	458	1449		599 75	45 25	30 00	127 50
Allegheny,	11			25	475	1341		208 44	50 27		22 50
Chillicothe,	10	1		23	294	1500	15 95	214 74	122 91		168 69
Lancaster,	10	1		30	284	1051		72 75	88 47		77 47
Miami,	9		1	25	256	651	0 50	113 70	80 41		104 85
Columbus,	8			18	167	809		86 25	9 50		23 93
Richland,	8			30	323	1169			32 80		2 37
Cincinnati,	13		1	28	73	1081		105 83	41 62		40 39
Athens,	4	1	2	7	40	348		18 02	21 51		
Grand River,	15			37	352	1433		28 87	37 34		25 00
Portage,	9			18	134	775		265 50	22 10		63 83
Huron,	8			29	68	583		123 39	34 58		
Hanover,	25	5	5	29	187	1353		1123 54	173 00		891 48
Lexington,	18	5	4	34	591	2848		473 21	255 37	56 38	650 35
Winchester,	13	3	4	16	174	942		401 39	136 00		690 20
Transylvania,	11	1	2	16	111	785		36 50	80 45		54 43
West Lexington,	8	1		12	34	497			14 59		230 07
Muhlenberg,	10	1	3	28	196	752	16 00	262 37	18 75		211 72
Louisville,	6	2	1	13	74	366		71 70		45 00	52 92
Ebenezer,	9		1	20	118	957	6 00	895 86	130 00	5 00	646 88
Salem,	9	3		37	295	1207	17 75		16 56	75 00	35 86
Abingdon,	8	2	6	18	309	1419		5 33		15 00	16 50
Union,	15	5	7	33	614	1924					69 67
West Tennessee,	16	3	2	26	154	1077		92 00	5 68		206 50
Shiloh,	8	1	1	16	92	545					
Mississippi,	13	1		13	70	286	17 00	60 00	27 16	10 00	90 00
Missouri,	6	1		18	156	510		5 00	32 20		
Orange,	15	4	5	30	269	1010	8 77		130 95		155 12
Fayetteville,	11		1	39	227	2653	3 25		104 00	235 67	12 00
Concord,	10	2	3	26	279	1213	4 00		39 01	194 00	
Mecklenburgh,	8	1		15	236	1921			18 00	247 00	
Bethel,	8		3	21	294	1486	7 00		21 00	313 50	
South Carolina,	16	4	3	34	397	1863	169 07				
Hopewell,	12	2	2	23	21	195					
Charleston Union,	13	1		10	33	411					
Harmony,	9			17	91	527			29 00		
Georgia,	6	1	1	6	22	291		38 00	20 00	1250 10	5000 00
Alabama,	8			15	59	366			75 00		
North Alabama,	9			13	61	293		126 06	5 00	8 00	62 00
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Names of Ministers of the Gospel who have died during the last year within our bounds:

Moses Young, of the Presbytery of Geneva; Joshua Dean, Cayuga; James H. Mills, Onondaga; Samuel Donnell, Shiloh; Thomas G. M'Innis, James Gray, D. D., 2d Pres. Philadelphia; Samuel Taggert, Londonderry; Philip M. Whelpley, John B. Romeyn, D. D., New York; Henry Cook, Elias Riggs, Elizabethtown; John Woodhull, D. D., Epaphras Chapman, Missionary to Indians, New Brunswick; Patrick Davidson, Baltimore; John E. Latta, John Burton, New Castle; David Caldwell, D. D., Orange, in the 100th year of his age; Thomas B. Craighead, West Tennessee; Robert F. N. Smith, Mississippi; John X. Clarke, 2d Pres. New York.

1826.

PHILADELPHIA, May 18, 1826.

THE General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America met, agreeably to appointment, in the First Presbyterian Church in the city of Philadelphia, May 18th, 1826, at 11 o'clock, A. M., and was opened by the Rev. Stephen N. Rowan, D. D., the Moderator of the last Assembly, with a sermon from Colossians, iv. 17, "Take heed to the ministry which thou hast received in the Lord, that thou fulfil it."

After prayer the commissions were read, and it appeared that the following Ministers and Elders were duly appointed, and attended as commissioners to the Assembly, viz:

PRESBYTERY OF NIAGARA—*Minister*—Rev. Ebenezer Everett. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF BUFFALO—*Minister*—Rev. William Page. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF GENESSEE—*Ministers*—Rev. Calvin Colton, Samuel T. Mills. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF ROCHESTER—*Ministers*—Rev. Joseph Penney, William F. Curry. *Elder*—Mr. Jacob Gould.

PRESBYTERY OF ONTARIO—*Minister*—Rev. Norris Bull. *Elder*—Mr. Alfred Beecher.

PRESBYTERY OF GENEVA—*Ministers*—Rev. Henry Axtell, D. D., Joseph Merrill, Lucas Hubbell. *Elder*—Mr. Theodore Parsons.

PRESBYTERY OF BATH—*Minister*—Rev. James H. Hotchkin. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF CORTLAND—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF CAYUGA—*Ministers*—Rev. James Richards, D. D., Samuel Parker, William M. Adams. *Elder*—Mr. James M'Chain.

PRESBYTERY OF ONEIDA—*Ministers*—Rev. Alpha Miller, David Chassell, Stephen W. Burritt. *Elders*—Mr. Abijah Thomas, Harvey Fisk

PRESBYTERY OF OSWEGO—*Minister*—Rev. James Abell. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF ONONDAGA—*Minister*—Rev. Eleazar S. Barrows. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF OTSEGO—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF ST. LAWRENCE—*Minister*—Rev. Isaac Clinton. *Elder*—Mr. William Clark.

PRESBYTERY OF OGDENSBURGH—*Minister*—Rev. Moses Parmelee. *Elder*—Mr. John Fine.

PRESBYTERY OF CHAMPLAIN—*Minister*—Rev. Asa Messer. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF LONDONDERRY—*Minister*—Rev. William Miltimore. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF ALBANY—*Ministers*—Rev. John Chester, D. D., Luke Lyons, James V. Henry. *Elders*—Mr. Joseph Green, Ananias Platt, James Boughton.

PRESBYTERY OF TROY—*Minister*—Rev. John Younglove. *Elder*—Mr. James Wallace.

PRESBYTERY OF COLUMBIA—*Ministers*—Rev. Henry B. Stimson, Sylvester Woodbridge. *Elders*—Mr. Levi Calender, Campbell Bushnell.

PRESBYTERY OF NORTH RIVER—*Ministers*—Rev. John Johnston, Jared Dewing. *Elder*—Mr. Eli H. Corwin.

PRESBYTERY OF HUDSON—*Ministers*—Rev. Charles Cummins, George Stebbins. *Elders*—Mr. James Wallace, Townsend Seely.

PRESBYTERY OF LONG ISLAND—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF NEW YORK—*Ministers*—Rev. Stephen N. Rowan, D. D., Thomas M'Auley, D. D., James G. Ogilvie, John Goldsmith, Joseph D. Wickham. *Elders*—Mr. Eliphalet Wickes, Benjamin Strong, Eleazer Lord, Richard Cunningham.

PRESBYTERY OF NEW YORK, (2d.)—*Minister*—Rev. Joseph M'Elroy. *Elder*—Mr. Robert Blake.

PRESBYTERY OF NEWARK—*Ministers*—Rev. Samuel Fisher, Gideon N. Judd. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF ELIZABETHTOWN—*Ministers*—Rev. Stephen Thompson, William B. Barton. *Elders*—Mr. Jonathan Freeman, Jacob Davis.

PRESBYTERY OF NEWTON—*Ministers*—Rev. Jacob R. Castner, Lemuel F. Leake. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF NEW BRUNSWICK—*Ministers*—Rev. Archibald Alexander, D. D., Isaac V. Brown, Charles Hodge. *Elder*—Mr. Elias Mollison.

PRESBYTERY OF SUSQUEHANNA—*Minister*—Rev. Burr Baldwin. *Elder*—Mr. Joshua W. Raynsford.

PRESBYTERY OF PHILADELPHIA—*Ministers*—Rev. Jacob J. Janeway, D. D., Ezra S. Ely, D. D., William L. M'Calla, John Burtt. *Elders*—Mr. William Nassau, Robert Hammil, of Norristown, Robert Hammil, of Philadelphia, Samuel M'Learn.

PRESBYTERY OF NEW CASTLE—*Ministers*—Rev. Samuel Martin, D. D., Robert White, Eliphalet W. Gilbert. *Elders*—Mr. John Buchanan, John W. Cunningham, William Kirkpatrick.

PRESBYTERY OF LEWES—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF BALTIMORE—*Minister*—Rev. Alexander Campbell. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA—*Ministers*—Rev. James Laurie, D. D., Reuben Post. *Elders*—Mr. Joseph Nourse, James H. Handy.

PRESBYTERY OF CARLISLE—*Ministers*—Rev. William Neill, D. D., Henry R. Wilson, William R. Dewitt. *Elder*—Mr. Thomas Trimble.

PRESBYTERY OF HUNTINGDON—*Ministers*—Rev. James Galbraith, John Peebles. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF NORTHUMBERLAND—*Ministers*—Rev. George Junkin, William R. Smith. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF REDSTONE—*Minister*—Rev. Alexander M'Candless. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF OHIO—*Ministers*—Rev. Francis Herron, D. D., Elisha P. Swift, Thomas D. Baird. *Elders*—Mr. Samuel Thompson, William Semple.

PRESBYTERY OF WASHINGTON, Pa.—*Ministers*—Rev. John Anderson, D. D., Obadiah Jennings. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF STEUBENVILLE—*Minister*—Rev. Donald M'Intosh. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF ERIE—*Minister*—Rev. Samuel Tait. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF ALLEGHENY—*Minister*—Rev. John Munson. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF HARTFORD—*Ministers*—Rev. Thomas E. Hughes, Robert Dilworth. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF GRAND RIVER—*Minister*—Rev. Jonathan Leslie. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF PORTAGE—*Minister*—Rev. Joseph Treat. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF HURON—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—Mr. Harman Kingsbury.

PRESBYTERY OF WINCHESTER—*Ministers*—Rev. Samuel B. Wilson, John Lodor. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF LEXINGTON—*Ministers*—Rev. Conrad Speece, D. D., James C. Wilson. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF HANOVER—*Ministers*—Rev. John H. Rice, D. D., William J. Armstrong. *Elder*—Mr. William Maxwell.

PRESBYTERY OF ABINGDON—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF WEST LEXINGTON—*Minister*—Rev. James Blythe, D. D. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF EBENEZER—*Minister*—Rev. Samuel Taylor. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF TRANSYLVANIA—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None

PRESBYTERY OF MUHLENBERG—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF LOUISVILLE—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF WABASH—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF SALEM—*Minister*—Rev. John T. Hamilton. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF MADISON—*Minister*—Rev. James H. Johnson. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF LANCASTER—*Minister*—Rev. Solomon S. Miles. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF ATHENS—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF CHILLICOTHE—*Minister*—Rev. William Dickey. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF COLUMBUS—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF CINCINNATI—*Minister*—Rev. Joshua L. Wilson, D. D., James Kemper. *Elder*—Mr. Caleb Kemper.

PRESBYTERY OF MIAMI—*Minister*—Rev. James Coe. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF RICHLAND—*Minister*—Rev. Thomas Barr. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF UNION—*Minister*—Rev. Eli Sawtelle. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF WEST TENNESSEE—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF FRENCH BROAD—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF SHILOH—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF MISSISSIPPI—*Ministers*—Rev. Samuel Hunter, George Potts. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF MISSOURI—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF ORANGE—*Minister*—Rev. Lemuel D. Hatch. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF FAYETTEVILLE—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF CONCORD—*Minister*—Rev. Daniel Gould. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF MECKLENBURG—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF BETHEL—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF ALABAMA—*Minister*—Rev. Thomas Alexander. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF NORTH ALABAMA—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.
PRESBYTERY OF HARMONY—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.
PRESBYTERY OF GEORGIA—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.
PRESBYTERY OF CHARLESTON UNION—*Ministers*—Rev. Elipha White, Reynolds Bascom. *Elder*—None.
PRESBYTERY OF SOUTH CAROLINA—*Minister*—Rev. Henry Reid. *Elder*—None.
PRESBYTERY OF HOPEWELL—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.
GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF CONNECTICUT—Rev. Shubael Bartlett, Charles A. Boardman, Joab Brace.
GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF NEW HAMPSHIRE—Rev. Zedekiah S. Barstow.
GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF MASSACHUSETTS—Rev. Ebenezer Porter, D. D., Benjamin B. Wisner.
CONVENTION OF VERMONT—Rev. John Wheeler.
REFORMED DUTCH CHURCH—Rev. Thomas M. Strong. *Elder*—Frederick Erringer.
GERMAN REFORMED CHURCH—Rev. John H. Smaltz.

Mr. John Hutton, a ruling elder from the Presbytery of Troy, appeared in the Assembly without a commission; but satisfactory testimony being given, that he had been chosen a commissioner to this Assembly, he was received as a member.

Mr. Josiah Bissell, from the Presbytery of Rochester, appeared in the Assembly, and produced a commission as an elder from that Presbytery. A member of that Presbytery informed the Assembly that Mr. Bissell had not been set apart as an elder; but that he was appointed as was supposed by the Presbytery in conformity with the conventional agreement, between the General Assembly and the General Association of Connecticut. After some discussion,

The Assembly adjourned till 9 o'clock to-morrow morning. Concluded with prayer.

May 19th, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Assembly met, and was constituted by prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The Rev. Cyrus Gildersleeve, from the Presbytery of Susquehanna, the Rev. Stephen Peet, from the Presbytery of Huron, the Rev. James Hoge, from the Presbytery of Columbus, the Rev. John Ford, from the Presbytery of Newark, and Mr. David I. Burr, ruling elder, from the Presbytery of Hanover, appeared in the Assembly, and their commissions being read, took their seats as members.

The Assembly resumed the consideration of the commission of Mr. Bissell, and after considerable discussion, it was resolved, that Mr. Bissell be admitted as a member of the Assembly.

The Rev. Thomas M'Auley, D. D., was chosen Moderator; and the Rev. John Chester, D. D., and the Rev. Samuel T. Mills, were chosen Temporary Clerks.

The minutes of the last Assembly were read.

Resolved, That it be the order of the day for Monday next to receive reports on the state of religion.

Mr. Gilbert, Mr. Goldsmith, Dr. Wilson, Mr. Barrows, and Mr. T. M. Strong, were appointed a committee to prepare a narrative of the information to be received on the state of religion.

Dr. Herron, Dr. Neill, Mr. John Johnston, Mr. Hodge, Dr. Axtell, Mr. Penney, Mr. Jennings, Dr. Wilson, Dr. Porter, Mr. Boardman, and Mr. C. Kemper, were appointed a committee of Bills and Overtures, to meet in this

church to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock, and afterwards on their own adjournments.

Dr. Speece, Dr. Rowan, Dr. Laurie, Dr. Richards, Dr. Rice, Mr. Reid, Mr. Nourse, Mr. Lord, and Mr. Platt, were appointed a judicial committee, to meet in this church to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock, and afterwards on their own adjournments.

Resolved, That the General Assembly, and such persons as may choose to unite with them, will spend next Wednesday evening in this church, as a season of special prayer for the outpouring of the Spirit on the churches, and in other religious exercises. Dr. Janeway, Dr. Ely, and Mr. M'Calla, were appointed a committee to make arrangements for the evening.

Resolved, That it be the order of the day for to-morrow morning to receive Synodical and Presbyterial reports.

Mr. Post, Mr. Dewitt, and Mr. Potts, were appointed a committee to receive these reports, examine them, and read to the Assembly such parts of them as they may judge necessary to be read for the information of the Assembly; and also to prepare a statement to be transcribed into the Compendious View.

Mr. B. Strong, Mr. Nassau, and Mr. Fine, were appointed a committee to receive an account of the miles travelled by the Commissioners to the Assembly, and to make an apportionment of the Commissioners' fund, agreeably to a standing rule on the subject.

Mr. M'Elroy, Mr. Fisher, and Mr. Wickes, were appointed a committee to examine the Records of the Synod of Genessee.

Dr. Martin, Mr. Swift, and Mr. Maxwell, were appointed a committee to examine the Records of the Synod of Geneva.

Dr. Blythe, Mr. E. White, and Mr. J. Gould, were appointed a committee to examine the Records of the Synod of Albany.

Mr. Dewitt, Dr. Anderson, and Mr. M'Learn, were appointed a committee to examine the Records of the Synod of New York.

Mr. Miltimore, Mr. Henry, and Mr. Calender, were appointed a committee to examine the Records of the Synod of New Jersey.

Mr. Stebbins, Mr. Cummins, and Mr. Cunningham, were appointed a committee to examine the Records of the Synod of Philadelphia.

Mr. Brown, Mr. Baldwin, and Mr. Freeman, were appointed a committee to examine the Records of the Synod of Pittsburgh.

Mr. Adams, Mr. Barrows, and Mr. Mollison, were appointed a committee to examine the Records of the Synod of Ohio.

Mr. Ford, Mr. Woodbridge, and Mr. Davis, were appointed a committee to examine the Records of the Synod of the Western Reserve.

Mr. Parker, Mr. Lyons, and Mr. Kirkpatrick, were appointed a committee to examine the Records of the Synod of Virginia.

Mr. Hunter, Mr. Hatch, and Mr. Semple, were appointed a committee to examine the Records of the Synod of Kentucky.

Mr. Clinton, Mr. Stimson, and Mr. Blake, were appointed a committee to examine the Records of the Synod of Tennessee.

Mr. Taylor, Mr. Treat, and Mr. Trimble, were appointed a committee to examine the Records of the Synod of North Carolina.

Mr. Hughes, Mr. Leslie, and Mr. Wallace, were appointed a committee to examine the Records of the Synod of South Carolina and Georgia.

Adjourned till this afternoon at 4 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Four o'clock, P. M.

The Assembly met, and was constituted by prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

Rev. Samuel Nott, from the Presbytery of Albany, and Mr. John Poor, a

ruling elder from the Presbytery of New Brunswick, appeared in the Assembly, and their commissions being read, took their seats as members.

The delegates appointed by the last Assembly to attend the several Ecclesiastical bodies with which the Assembly have a correspondence, reported respectively, and their reports were accepted.

A number of copies of the printed minutes of the General Association of Connecticut, of the General Association of Massachusetts, of the General Association of New Hampshire, of the General Convention of Vermont, and of the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church, were laid on the table, which were ordered to be distributed by the clerks among the members.

The committee appointed by the last General Assembly to confer with a similar committee to be appointed by the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, should they deem it expedient to appoint such a committee, and to prepare a plan of correspondence between the two bodies, reported that they met a committee of the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, in the city of New York, Dec. 30, 1825; which committee on the part of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, consisted of the Rev. Alexander M'Leod, D. D., the Rev. James Christie, and the Rev. John Gibson. After Conference the joint committees resolved to submit to their respective bodies the following articles of agreement, viz:—

Article I.

The General Assembly and the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, lamenting the existing separations between the members of the body of Christ, and believing that all the members of that body, being *many*, are *one* body; and trusting to the word of God, that these separations will not be perpetual, do *agree* to use all scriptual means, in the exercise of patience and prudence, to bring their several ecclesiastical connections to uniformity in doctrine, worship, and order, according to the word of God.

Article II.

In order to bring about this desirable object on the basis of the proper *unity* of the visible church, it is mutually covenanted, that the ministers, members, and judicatories of these churches, treating each other with Christian respect, shall always recognize the validity of each other's acts and ordinances, consonant to the Scriptures; and yet that any church judicatory belonging to either body, may examine persons or review cases of discipline, on points at present peculiar or distinctive to themselves.

Article III.

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, and the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, shall severally appoint two Commissioners, with an alternate to each, to attend these judicatories respectively, who shall hold their offices till they are superseded by another choice; and these commissioners shall have the privilege of proposing measures important to the church of Christ, and of delivering their opinions on any question under discussion; but they shall have no vote in its decisions.

Article IV.

In order to carry this last article into effect, the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church will at their sessions, in May, 1826, appoint commis-

sioners who shall attend the succeeding meeting of the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, provided the said Synod shall have concurred in the above plan of correspondence.

The above report was unanimously adopted, and the plan of correspondence agreed upon by the joint committees was accordingly sanctioned by the Assembly.

The committee on Psalmody reported that they have had the important business of their appointment under serious consideration; and have arranged such plans of operation as they humbly hope may be efficient to the great object in view. They think they shall have the indulgence of the Assembly, under a recollection of the magnitude of the labour, if they defer a particular report until the meeting in May next.

The committee were continued. A communication from Mr. Harvey Chapin was read, and committed to the judicial committee.

The committee appointed by a former Assembly on the subject involved in the appeal of Donald M'Crimmon did not report.

Resolved, That this committee be discharged, and that this subject be committed to Dr. Neill, Dr. Herron, Mr. Fisher, Dr. Chester, and Dr. Axtell, with instructions that they report during the sessions of the present Assembly.

The business of the Western Theological Seminary was made the order of the day for Tuesday morning next.

The receiving of the report of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary at Princeton was made the order of the day for Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. Armstrong had leave of absence until Monday morning.

The Presbyteries were called upon to report on the alteration proposed by the last Assembly to be made in the 2d section of the 12th chapter of the Form of Government. These reports were received and committed to Dr. Ely to report the result.

The permanent clerk informed the Assembly, that there had been put into his hands an appeal from a decision of the Presbytery of Bath, by Mr. Charles Yale; two appeals from the Synod of New Jersey, by the Rev. Josiah B. Andrews, and an appeal from the Synod of New York, by Mr. Pope Bushnell. The above appeals were referred to the judicial committee.

Resolved, That the act of the Assembly of 1820, in relation to the appointment of a printer and agent of the Assembly, be rescinded, and that the management of printing for the Assembly, and distributing its minutes, be referred to the Stated Clerk.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

May 20, 9 *o'clock, A. M.*

The Assembly met, and was constituted with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

Rev. William Moderwell, of the Presbytery of Hopewell, Rev. James Sabine, of the Presbytery of Londonderry, and Rev. Ashbel G. Fairchild, of the Presbytery of Redstone, appeared in the Assembly, and their commissions being read, took their seats as members.

The committee of overtures reported, that they had overtured an application from the Synod of the Western Reserve for permission to conduct their own missionary operations. The Assembly took up this overture, and resolved, that the request of the Synod be and it hereby is granted; and said Synod is directed to report its missionary labours annually to the Board of Missions.

The Assembly proceeded, agreeably to the order of the day, to receive the Synodical and Presbyterial Reports, which were handed to the committee appointed on this business.

Resolved, That it be the order of the day for Wednesday morning next to receive the Reports of the committees on the Synodical Records.

Dr. Blythe, Dr. Laurie, and Dr. Janeway, were appointed a committee on the subject of the American Colonization Society.

A nomination was made of persons to be chosen delegates to the several ecclesiastical bodies connected with the Assembly.

Mr. Lord had leave of absence from the remaining sessions of the Assembly. Mr. Maxwell was appointed in his place on the judicial committee.

Dr. Ely, to whom were referred the reports of Presbyteries on the alteration in the Constitution of chap. 12, sect. 2, proposed by the last Assembly, reported, that written reports prove 48 Presbyteries, and oral reports 9 Presbyteries, to have consented to said amendment, making 57 that are in favour of its adoption. Seven Presbyteries have decided against the amendment, and 21 have made no reports on the subject. Whence it appears that said amendment is adopted by a constitutional majority of the Presbyteries under the care of this Assembly.

This report was adopted, and it is hereby declared that chap. 12, sect. 2, of the Form of Government, is constitutionally amended, so as to read as follows, viz:—

The General Assembly shall consist of an equal delegation of bishops and elders from each Presbytery, in the following proportion, viz: Each Presbytery consisting of not more than twelve ministers, shall send one minister and one elder; each Presbytery consisting of more than twelve ministers, and not more than twenty-four, shall send two ministers and two elders; and in the like proportion for every twelve ministers in any Presbytery. And these delegates so appointed shall be styled Commissioners to the General Assembly.

The committee of overtures reported an overture, No. 2, which was referred to the Board of Missions.

The committee appointed to make arrangements for the prayer meeting on Wednesday evening made a report, which was accepted and adopted.

The Stated Clerk reported, that he had collected in bundles as complete sets of the minutes of the General Assembly as it is possible now to obtain; and has connected with each set a bound copy of the Digest, which he proposes, with the leave of the Assembly, to sell to any of the ministers and elders of the Presbyterian Church for the sum of one dollar, which shall be paid into the missionary fund of the Assembly.

Whereupon it was *Resolved*, That the Assembly approve of the conduct of the Stated Clerk, and grant him the leave desired.

Adjourned till 9 o'clock on Monday morning. Concluded with prayer.

May 22, 9 *o'clock, A. M.*

The Assembly met, and was constituted with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

Dr. George Pomeroy, a ruling elder from the Presbytery of Otsego, and Mr. Moody Hall, a ruling elder from the Presbytery of Union, appeared in the Assembly, and their commissions being read, took their seats as members.

It being the order of the day, an election was held for delegates to attend the several ecclesiastical bodies connected with the Assembly. The ballots were taken and committed to Mr. Judd, Mr. Miles, and Mr. Coe, to count them, and report the result to the Assembly.

The judicial committee made a report in the case of Mr. Pope Bushnell, which was laid on the table.

Mr. J. W. Cunningham and Mr. Callender had leave of absence after to-morrow morning.

It being the order of the day, the Assembly proceeded to receive communications on the state of religion; and having made considerable progress in this business, the Assembly

Adjourned till 4 o'clock, P. M. Concluded with prayer.

4 o'clock, P. M.

The Assembly met, and was constituted with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The Assembly resumed and finished receiving reports on the state of religion.

Adjourned till 9 o'clock to-morrow morning. Concluded with prayer.

May 23, 9 *o'clock, A. M.*

The Assembly met, and was constituted with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

Mr. Buchanan resigned his seat to Mr. Amos Slaymaker, the principal mentioned in their commission.

Mr. Green obtained leave to resign his seat to Mr. Joseph Burbeck, the alternate mentioned in their commission.

Resolved, That the Board of Missions be requested to present the thanks of the Assembly to the Rev. Joseph M'Elroy, for his missionary sermon delivered last evening, by the appointment of the Board.

The committee appointed to count the votes for delegates to the several ecclesiastical bodies connected with the Assemby reported, and the following persons were declared duly elected, viz:—

The Rev. James Blythe, D. D., the Rev. Henry Reid, and the Rev. Samuel Fisher, to attend the next meeting of the General Association of Connecticut.

The Rev. James Blythe, D. D., and the Rev. Henry Reid, to attend the next meeting of the General Association of Massachusetts, and the Rev. Samuel Fisher, alternate to either of them who may fail.

The Rev. John Johnston to attend the next meeting of the General Association of New Hampshire, and of the General Convention of Vermont; and the Rev. William R. Dewitt, his alternate.

The Rev. Thomas M'Auley, D. D., and Mr. Eleazer Lord, ruling elder, to attend the next meeting of the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church; and the Rev. Stephen N. Rowan, D. D., and Mr. Benjamin Strong, ruling elder, their alternates.

The Rev. William Neill, D. D., and the Rev. James P. Wilson, D. D., to attend the next meeting of the German Reformed Synod, and the Rev. Reuben Post, alternate to either of them who may fail.

And the Rev. Ashbel Green, D. D., and the Rev. Stephen N. Rowan, D. D., to attend the next meeting of the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, and the Rev. George C. Potts, and the Rev. Nathan S. S. Beman, their alternates.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the business of the Western Theological Seminary was taken up. A report from the Board and their minutes were read. The report of the Board recommended, by a vote of eight to five, that Allegheny Town, opposite the city of Pittsburgh, should be the site of the Western Theological Seminary.

The following motion was then made and seconded:

Resolved, That the Western Theological Seminary be and it hereby is located at Allegheny Town.

This motion was discussed at considerable length.

A letter was received and read from the Female Tract Society of Philadelphia, presenting to the Assembly 4000 religious tracts, to be given to the missionaries of the Assembly for distribution in destitute parts of the country.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Assembly be presented to the Philadelphia Female Tract Society for their generous donation; and that the tracts be entrusted to the Stated Clerk for distribution among the missionaries, agreeably to the intention of the donors.

Adjourned till 4 o'clock, P. M. Concluded with prayer.

4 o'clock, P. M.

The Assembly met, and was constituted with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

Rev. Absalom Peters, from the Presbytery of Troy, and Dr. Wyllis F. Clarke, a ruling elder from the Presbytery of Bath, appeared in the Assembly, and their commissions being read, took their seats as members.

Dr. Chester had leave of absence from the remaining sessions of the Assembly, after this afternoon.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary at Princeton made their annual report, which was read, and committed to Mr. M'Elroy, Mr. Hoge, Mr. Junkin, Mr. M'Intosh, and Mr. Curry.

The Assembly resumed the consideration of the motion relative to the site of the Western Theological Seminary. The subject was again discussed at considerable length.

A nomination was made to fill the vacancies in the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary at Princeton.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

May 24, *9 o'clock, A. M.*

The Assembly met, and was constituted with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

Dr. Rowan obtained leave to resign his seat to Rev. Robert M'Cartee, the alternate mentioned in their commission. Mr. Joseph C. Hornblower, a ruling elder from the Presbytery of Newark, appeared in the Assembly, and his commission being read, took his seat as a member.

Mr. Bascom had leave of absence from the remaining sessions of the Assembly.

The committee appointed to prepare a narrative on the state of religion, presented their draft, which was read, and returned to them, that they might make such amendments in their statement of facts as members of the Assembly may suggest, and read the narrative at the prayer-meeting this evening.

Mr. M'Cartee was appointed on the judicial committee in the room of Dr. Rowan.

The Assembly resumed the consideration of the motion relative to the site of the Western Theological Seminary. After considerable discussion, a motion was made and carried, to postpone the motion to fix the site of the Western Theological Seminary at Allegheny Town, in order to take up the following, viz:—

Resolved, That the Western Theological Seminary shall be located either in Allegheny Town, in the vicinity of Pittsburgh, or at Walnut Hills, in the vicinity of Cincinnati, as the General Assembly of 1827 shall decide.

A communication was received from the Presbytery of Hanover, relative to the Theological Seminary under their care, which was committed to Dr. Alexander, Dr. Laurie, Dr. Janeway, Mr. Sabine, and Mr. Gildersleeve.

Adjourned to meet this afternoon at 4 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

4 o'clock, P. M.

The Assembly met, and was constituted with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Assembly received the ballots for persons to fill the vacancies in the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary at Princeton, which were committed to Mr. Curry, Mr. Barton, and Mr. Fairchild, that they might canvass them and report the result to the Assembly.

The motion under consideration relative to the location of the Western Seminary was again considered, amended, and adopted in the following words, viz:—

Resolved, That the Western Theological Seminary shall be located either in

Allegheny Town, in the vicinity of Pittsburgh, or at Walnut Hills, in the vicinity of Cincinnati, or at Charleston, Indiana, as the General Assembly of 1827 shall decide.

A reference from the Presbytery of Philadelphia on the propriety of their ordaining to the work of the gospel ministry a licentiate under their care, who now holds the office of a chaplain in the navy of the United States, was considered: whereupon the Assembly resolved,

That this judicature of the Presbyterian Church feels a deep and lively interest in the spiritual welfare of the mariners of this country; and especially of those who are engaged in the naval service of our Union; and that the Assembly therefore will rejoice if any Presbytery under its care has the opportunity of ordaining any well qualified persons, men of piety and learning, with a view to their rendering permanent ministerial services to large congregations of our fellow-citizens who dwell in ships of war.

The committees appointed on the records of the Synods of Ohio, Virginia, Albany, Pittsburgh, Genessee, Philadelphia, New Jersey, New York, Tennessee, Kentucky, and the Western Reserve, reported respectively, and the records were approved.

The committees on the records of the Synods of Geneva, North Carolina, and South Carolina, and Georgia, reported respectively, that the records of these Synods had not been put into their hands. Satisfactory reasons were assigned for the absence of these records, and the committees on them were discharged.

The trustees of the Theological Seminary at Princeton, made a report agreeably to charter, which was accepted, and committed to the committee on the report of the Board of Directors. Mr. Hammil, of Norristown, obtained leave to resign his seat to Mr. Jacob Mitchell, the alternate mentioned in their commission.

Mr. Semple, Rev. James Kemper, and Mr. Caleb Kemper, obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of the Assembly.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

May 25, 9 *o'clock, A. M.*

The Assembly met, and was constituted with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

Mr. James Warren, a ruling elder from the Presbytery of Newark, appeared in the Assembly, and his commission being read, took his seat as a member.

The prayer-meeting was attended last evening agreeably to appointment.

Mr. Burtt obtained leave to resign his seat to the Rev. Ashbel Green, D. D., the alternate mentioned in their commission.

Mr. Leake obtained leave to resign his seat to the Rev. John F. Clark, the alternate mentioned in their commission.

Mr. Mollison obtained leave to resign his seat to Mr. David M'Kean, the alternate mentioned in their commission.

Dr. Martin obtained leave to resign his seat to the Rev. James Magraw, the alternate mentioned in their commission.

Mr. Woodbridge obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of the Assembly.

The Board of Missions reported, and their report was committed to Mr. Clinton, Mr. Merrill, and Mr. Miller.

The committee of overtures reported several items of business, marked Nos. 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10, which were put on the docket.

The committee appointed to count the ballots for Directors of the Theological Seminary, made a report, from which it appeared that the following ministers and elders were elected for three years, viz.

Ministers—Rev. Samuel Blatchford, D. D., David Comfort, John Johnston, William W. Phillips, Joseph Caldwell, D. D., Francis Herron, D. D., William Nevins.

Elders.—Alexander Henry, Robert G. Johnson, George C. Barber.

Overture No. 8 was taken up. This overture is as follows, viz.

The accompanying basis of a union between the United Foreign Missionary Society, and the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, having been unanimously agreed upon by the managers of these Societies respectively;—the same having received the cordial approbation of the United Foreign Missionary Society, at its late annual meeting; and the Rev. Dr. M'Auley, Rev. Messrs. M'Elroy, McCartee, and Mason, together with Joseph Nourse, and Zachariah Lewis, Esq., being appointed a committee to present the articles of union, already referred to, to the General Assembly, and endeavour to obtain their consent to the same; said committee beg leave to discharge the duty thus imposed upon them.

The above overture was read and committed to Dr. Richards, Dr. Axtell, Mr. Peters, Mr. Reid, and Mr. Jennings, with instructions to report to-morrow morning.

Overture No. 10 was taken up, viz. A reference from the Presbytery of Philadelphia, relative to the ordination of Mr. John Chambers by the Association of the Western District of New Haven county, Connecticut. The papers on this business were read, after which the subject was discussed at considerable length.

Mr. White obtained leave to resign his seat to the Rev. Amzi Babbit, the alternate mentioned in their commission.

Adjourned till 4 o'clock, this afternoon. Concluded with prayer.

4 *o'clock, P. M.*

The Assembly met, and was constituted with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

Resolved, That the Rev. Samuel T. Mills, of Moscow, New York; the Rev. Henry Axtell, D. D., of Geneva, New York; the Rev. John Chester, D. D., of Albany, New York; the Rev. Thomas M'Auley, D. D., of the city of New York; the Rev. Samuel Miller, D. D., of Princeton, New Jersey; the Rev. Ashbel Green, D. D. of the city of Philadelphia; the Rev. Francis Herron, D. D., of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; the Rev. James Culbertson, of Zanesville, Ohio; the Rev. Joseph Badger, of Gustavus, Ohio; the Rev. John H. Rice, D. D. of Hampden Sydney, Virginia; the Rev. John Breckinridge, of Lexington, Kentucky; the Rev. Alexander M'Ewen, of Abingdon, Virginia; the Rev. John Witherspoon, of Hillsborough, North Carolina; and the Rev. Benjamin M. Palmer, D. D., of Charleston, South Carolina, be and they hereby are appointed a standing committee, to certify the good qualifications of preachers travelling from the bounds of the Presbyterian church to officiate in the bounds of any of the Associations maintaining intercourse with this Assembly.

Mr. Kirkpatrick had leave of absence from the remaining sessions of the Assembly.

The Assembly resumed the consideration of the reference from the Presbytery of Philadelphia relative to the ordination of Mr. John Chambers, by the Association of the Western District of New Haven county, Connecticut. After considerable discussion the Assembly

Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock Concluded with prayer.

May 26, 9 *o'clock, A. M.*

The Assembly met, and was constituted with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

Mr. Poor and Mr. Brown had leave of absence from the remaining sessions of the Assembly.

The committee to which were referred the Synodical and Presbyterial reports made the following report, which was accepted and adopted, viz:

It appears that there are under the care of the General Assembly 14 Synods, comprising 85 Presbyteries; and that 68 Presbyteries have sent up to this Assembly reports more or less complete. Those Presbyteries which have sent up reports have given the number and names of ministers, congregations, and licentiates, and the number of candidates. They also report the number and names of those ministers who are settled pastors; and of those who are stated supplies or without charges. They report also the number of congregations supplied, and the number vacant; and of the vacancies, those which are able to support pastors. They report also the number of communicants, and of baptisms. Eighteen Presbyteries have reported collections for the Presbyterial fund, leaving 67 Presbyteries which have not reported: 41 Presbyteries have reported for the Education fund, leaving 44 Presbyteries which have not reported; 47 Presbyteries have reported for the Missionary fund, leaving 38 which have not reported; and 55 Presbyteries for the Commissioners' fund, leaving 30 which have not reported. 14 Presbyteries have reported collections for one or other of the Theological Seminaries, leaving 71 which have not reported.

The whole number of ministers reported by the above named 68 Presbyteries is 985; of licentiates, 152; of candidates, 176; of congregations, 1524. Of the ministers, 635 are settled pastors, and 350 are stated supplies or without charge; and of the congregations, 944 are supplied, and 549 vacant. The number of communicants added last year in 720 congregations is 9557; and the whole number of communicants in 931 congregations is 99,674. The number of adult baptisms in 457 congregations is 1983; and of infant baptisms in 751 congregations, 9397. Seventeen Presbyteries have made no reports on any subject to the present Assembly; but from the last reports received from 15 of these delinquent Presbyteries, it appears that they contained 150 ministers, and had under their care 32 licentiates, 25 candidates, 251 congregations, and 9995 communicants. So that the whole number of ministers now ascertained to belong to the Presbyterian Church in the United States is 1135; the whole number of congregations returned is 1775; of communicants, 109,667; of licentiates, 184; and of candidates for the gospel ministry, 201.

It is much to be regretted that in more than 700 of our churches we are still unable to ascertain even the number of communicants; and that all the Presbyterial reports are more or less imperfect. It is therefore recommended, that all the churches be directed by this Assembly to be careful to make their annual returns to their respective Presbyteries; and that the Presbyteries transmit to the Assembly their reports in the precise forms published in the minutes of the last year.

The resolution of the last Assembly, requiring the Presbyteries to append to the commissions of their Commissioners the distance that each will have to travel in coming to the General Assembly was repealed.

The committee to whom was referred the communication from the Presbytery of Hanover, respecting the Theological Seminary under their care, reported in part, that they have had under consideration the first inquiry contained in said communication, viz: Whether the General Assembly is willing to receive in trust the permanent funds of the Institution, and manage them for its benefit; and recommend to the General Assembly the following resolution for adoption.

Resolved, That said inquiry be referred to the Trustees of the General Assembly to report thereon.

This resolution was adopted; and the inquiry of the Presbytery of Hanover was accordingly referred to the Trustees of the General Assembly.

The committee appointed on a communication from a committee of the managers of the United Foreign Missionary Society made a report, which was put on the docket.

The judicial committee reported an appeal by Pope Bushnell, an appeal by Harvey Chapin, two appeals by Josiah B. Andrews, and an appeal by Charles Yale, with papers of directions in each, to be used by the Assembly in hearing these appeals.

The several appeals reported by the judicial committee were put on the docket.

The narrative of the state of religion was taken up, and being read by paragraphs and amended, was adopted.

Resolved, That it be committed to the Stated Clerk, and that he have 1000 copies printed and distributed among the members of the Assembly.

Adjourned till 4 o'clock, P. M. Concluded with prayer.

4 o'clock, P. M.

The Assembly met, and was constituted with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

Mr. Zechariah Lewis, a ruling elder from the Presbytery of New York, appeared in the Assembly, and his commission being read, took his seat as a member.

Mr. Gilbert resigned his seat to the Rev. Ebenezer Dickey, D. D., the principal mentioned in their commission.

Mr. John Belville, the alternate of Mr. Kirkpatrick, who yesterday obtained leave of absence, appeared in the Assembly, and took his seat as a member.

The committee to whom was referred the report of the Board of Missions, recommend that the proceedings of the Board of Missions should be approved; and that the Trustees of the General Assembly should be instructed to issue warrants to pay the several sums due to the missionaries.

This report was adopted, and the Trustees were directed to issue warrants accordingly.

An extract from the minutes of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary at Princeton, was laid before the Assembly, recommending that the Plan, Article VI. Sect. 4, should be amended, so as to read as follows, viz.

"Every student shall be obliged to write on such Theological and other subjects, as may be prescribed to him by the Professors. In the first year, every student shall be obliged to produce a written composition on such subjects, at least once in every month; in the second year, once in three weeks; in the third year, once in two weeks. Each student shall also commit to memory a piece of his own composition, and pronounce it in public, before the professors and students, as frequently as in the judgment of the professors this exercise can properly be performed, when a due regard is had to the number who must engage in it, and to the other duties of the Seminary."

On motion, it was resolved unanimously, That the above recommendation of the Board of Directors be adopted: and the plan of the Seminary, Art. VI. Sect. 4, is accordingly hereby amended as above stated.

The following extract from the minutes of the Board of Directors, was also laid before the Assembly, viz.

Resolved, That it be recommended to the General Assembly to add to the salary of Professor Charles Hodge, the sum of $250 per annum, so as to make his salary $1250 per annum.

Agreeably to the above recommendation of the Board, it was resolved, that the sum of $250 per annum be added to the salary of Professor Hodge.

The Assembly resumed the consideration of the reference from the Presbytery of Philadelphia, in relation to the ordination of Mr. Chambers. After further discussion of the subject at considerable length, the following resolution was adopted, viz.

Resolved, That a committee of this Assembly, consisting of three, be appointed to attend at the meeting of the General Association of Connecticut to be convened at Stamford, in June next, to meet a similar committee of that Association, if said Association shall be pleased to appoint one, for the purpose of conferring on the grievance of which the Presbytery of Philadelphia complain; and of inquiring whether any, and if any, what further articles, or alteration of the present terms of intercourse between the Presbyterian Church in the United States, and the members of the Congregational churches in Connecticut, may be expedient for the better promotion of the purity, peace, and Christian discipline of the churches connected with the two bodies; which further articles or alterations of the present terms of intercourse, if any shall be proposed by the joint committee, shall be submitted to the General Association of Connecticut, and to the General Assembly of 1827, for adoption or rejection.

Resolved, That it be the order of the day for to-morrow morning to elect by ballot the committee contemplated in the above resolution.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

May 27, 9 *o'clock, A. M.*

The Assembly met, and was constituted with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

Mr. Samuel Bayard, the principal named in the commission, appeared in the Assembly, and took the place of Mr. Poor, who yesterday obtained leave of absence.

Mr. Handy, Mr. B. Strong, Mr. Barrows, Mr. Thomas, and Mr. Fisk, had leave of absence from the remaining sessions of the Assembly.

The committee on milage, made a report, which was adopted. *Resolved*, That the Trustees of the General Assembly be directed issue warrants for the payment of the several Commissioners, to the amount of $1537 41, agreeably to the report of the committee.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Assembly proceeded to receive the ballots, for the committee to attend the General Association of Connecticut, which were committed to Mr. M'Cartee, Mr. Hamilton, and Mr. Taylor, to count them and report the result.

The report of the committee on a communication from a committee of the managers of the United Foreign Missionary Society, was taken up, and after mature deliberation, it was

Resolved, That the General Assembly do consent to the amalgamation of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, and the United Foreign Missionary Society.

Resolved further, That this General Assembly recommend the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions to the favourable notice and Christian support of the church and people under our care.

The committee appointed to receive and count the votes for the committee to attend the next General Association of Connecticut, reported that the Rev. Samuel Miller, D. D., the Rev. John M'Dowell, D. D., and the Rev. Thomas M'Auley, D. D., were duly elected. Rev. Archibald Alexander, D. D., was appointed first alternate, and the Rev. Ashbel Green, D. D., second alternate, to any of the members of the committee who may fail.

Mr. Peters had leave of absence from the remaining sessions of the Assembly.

Mr. Moderwell had leave of absence until Wednesday afternoon.

Adjourned till 9 o'clock on Monday morning. Concluded with prayer.

May 29, 9 *o'clock, A. M.*

The Assembly met, and was constituted with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

Mr. M'Learn obtained leave to resign his seat to Mr. Charles Pierce, the alternate mentioned in their commission.

Mr. Stewart and Mr. Jacob Gould had leave of absence from the remaining sessions of the Assembly.

Overture No. 3, viz: A petition concerning the formation of a Presbytery, to consist of the missionaries and churches in the Cherokee nation, was taken up, and committed to Dr. Rice, Dr. Richards, and Mr. M'Elroy.

Overture No. 4, viz: An application for the division of the Synod of Tennessee was taken up, and committed to Mr. Reid, Mr. Alexander, and Mr. Hamilton.

Dr. Alexander obtained leave to resign his seat to Dr. Carnahan, the alternate named in their commission.

Overture No. 5, On the observance of the Sabbath, was taken up and committed to Dr. Carnahan, Dr. Axtell, and Mr. Junkin.

Mr. Colton had leave of absence from the remaining sessions of the Assembly.

The Trustees of the General Assembly, to whom was referred the report of the committee on the application of the Presbytery of Hanover, relative to the Theological Seminary under their care, made a report on the point submitted to them, and their report was put into the hands of the committee on this subject.

Overture No. 6, viz: An application for the formation of a new Presbytery in the county of Chenango, and adjacent parts in the State of New York, was taken up, when the following resolution was adopted, viz:—

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners be granted; and the Assembly hereby constitute the Presbytery of *Chenango*, to be composed of the Rev. Edward Andrews, and the Rev. Asa Donaldson, of the Presbytery of Otsego; the Rev. Elijah D. Wells, of the Presbytery of Cayuga; the Rev. Egbert Roosay, of the Presbytery of Columbia; and the Rev. Ambrose Eggleston, of the Presbytery of Susquehanna:—and to be bounded on the north by the Presbytery of Oneida; on the east by the Presbyteries of Otsego and Columbia; on the south by the Presbytery of Susquehanna; and on the west by the Presbyteries of Cayuga and Onondaga.

The Assembly direct the Presbytery so constituted and bounded to meet in Oxford, on Thursday, the 29th day of June, at 11 o'clock, A. M., and that the Rev. Asa Donaldson, or in case of his absence, the senior minister present, open the Presbytery with a sermon, and preside until a moderator be chosen; and the Presbytery of Chenango is hereby attached to the Synod of Geneva.

Overture No. 7, viz: On the qualifications of the lay delegates who may be entitled to a seat in the General Assembly, was taken up and committed to Dr. Richards, Dr. Axtell, Mr. Johnston, Mr. Hotchkin, Mr. M'Cartee, Mr. Bayard, Mr. Maxwell, and Mr. Hornblower.

Overture No. 9, relating to an amendment in the Form of Government, chap. xiii. sect. 20, was taken up, and after considerable discussion, was committed to Dr. Janeway, Mr. Hodge, Mr. Jennings, Dr. Carnahan, and Mr. Adams.

Resolved, That the Trustees of the General Assembly be instructed to inquire relative to a law of the State of Pennsylvania, which imposes a tax of 2½ per cent. on all bequests to any literary, moral, and religious objects, and to

report to this Assembly if any, and if any, what measures ought to be pursued to remove the grievance.

The committee on Mr. M'Crimmon's appeal from a decision of the Presbytery of Fayetteville, confirming his suspension from the communion of the church for having married his deceased wife's sister, reported, that in their opinion, no relief can be given to the said M'Crimmon without an alteration of the Confession of Faith, chap. xxiv. sect. 4, the last clause of which declares, that "the man may not marry any of his wife's kindred nearer in blood than he may of his own, nor the woman of her husband's kindred nearer in blood than of her own;" but inasmuch as a diversity of opinion and practice obtains on this very important subject, your committee beg leave to submit the following resolution, viz:—

Resolved, That the Presbyteries be and they are hereby directed to take this matter into serious consideration, and send up in writing to the next General Assembly an answer to the question, whether the above quoted clause of our Confession shall be erased.

The above report was adopted.

The following protest was presented to the Assembly, and ordered to be entered on the minutes, viz:—

The undersigned begs leave to enter his solemn protest againt the decision of the General Assembly, by which they postponed the location of the Western Theological Seminary for another year.

1. Because the churches under the care of the Western Synods have already too long languished for the want of such an Institution under the patronage and direction of the Assembly.

2. Because in his opinion the decision is virtually setting up the site of the contemplated institution to the highest bidder, which he believes to be contrary to the genius and spirit of Christianity, and may have the effect finally to locate the Seminary on a spot which will neither meet the wants nor wishes of a majority of the western churches.

3. Because the decision, in his opinion, is calculated to divide the attention, distract the counsels, and cut off the hopes of those sections of the western country which most need such an institution, inasmuch as Allegheny Town appears to him to be too far east, Charlestown too far west, and the proposals from Walnut Hills are clogged and fettered with such conditions as will effectually prevent a co-operation of the western churches in favour of that site, however desirable the spot may be in itself.

4. Because the decision as it now stands, must effectually prevent the city of Cincinnati from making any further proposals for itself, and also prevent the churches in the west from making any offers in its favour; though all things considered, it is believed by many to be the most eligible site for a school of the prophets in the western country.

5. Because he cannot but indulge a hope that the General Assembly will yet consider this subject, and so alter or modify their decision as to render this protest unnecessary, in which case it shall be most cheerfully withdrawn.

JOSHUA L. WILSON.

The following protest was also offered and ordered to be entered upon the minutes, viz.

The subscribers enter their *dissent* and *protest* against the resolution by which Mr. Josiah Bissell was admitted as a member of this General Assembly for the following reasons:

1. Because he was neither an *ordained* minister, nor a *ruling elder;* and consequently he was destitute of the qualifications which the constitution of

our church requires in commissioners appointed by Presbyteries, as their representatives in this body.

2. Because he was not even a *committee-man*, on which ground, some might, in existing circumstances, have been disposed to advocate his admission as a member.

3. Because he had not, either from the *Constitution*, or from the *Conventional agreement*, recorded in the Digest, pp. 297—299, the shadow of a claim to a seat in this house.

T. M'Auley, John Chester, Ezra Stiles Ely, J. J. Janeway, Elisha P. Swift, Stephen N. Rowan, Henry R. Wilson, John Anderson, Samuel Martin, J. D. Baird, Thomas E. Hughes, Thomas Barr, Robert Dilworth, William Semple, George Junkin, J. M'Elroy, Conrad Speece, Charles Cummins, James Laurie, Alexander Campbell, E. W. Gilbert, Jacob R. Castner, John Munson, A. M'Candless, Charles Hodge, James Coe, Donald M'Intosh, Francis Herron, Samuel Tait, William L. M'Calla, Thomas Alexander, George Potts, Samuel Hunter, Samuel Taylor, John Burtt, Robert Hamill, Isaac V. Brown, Obadiah Jennings, James Galbraith, S. S. Miles, William Dickey, Joshua W. Raynsford.

A committee consisting of Mr. Reid, Mr. Armstrong, and Mr. S. B. Wilson, were appointed to answer the preceding protest.

The committee of Overtures reported Overture No. 11, which was referred to the committee on the application for the division of the Synod of Tennessee.

The Board of Education presented their report, which was read, accepted, and ordered to be printed in the appendix to the minutes.

A nomination was made of persons to fill the vacancies in the Board of Education. The election was made the order of the day for this afternoon.

The subject of electing Directors of the Western Theological Seminary, for the present year, was committed to Mr. Jennings, Dr. Wilson, and Mr. Hamilton.

A communication was received from the American Sunday School Union, which was committed to Mr. Nott, Mr. Hoge, and Mr. Younglove.

The committee on the subject of electing Directors of the Western Theological Seminary reported, that it is inexpedient to elect a Board of Directors the present year.

Resolved, That all proposals from the Western country concerning the location of the Seminary, be forwarded to the Stated Clerk, the Rev. Ezra S. Ely, D. D., of Philadelphia, that he may submit them to the next General Assembly.

Mr. Slaymaker, Dr. Richards, Mr. Miltimore, and Mr. Castner, had leave of absence from the remaining sessions of the Assembly.

Adjourned till 4 o'clock, P. M. Concluded with prayer.

4 *o'clock, P. M.*

The Assembly met, and was constituted with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

Mr. Parsons, Mr. Wickham, Mr. Samuel Thompson, Mr. M'Candless, and Mr. M'Chain, obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of the Assembly.

The committee on the alteration of existing rules of the Assembly, reported, and their report was laid on the table.

The committee to whom was referred the petition from the Synod of Tennessee, requesting a division of said Synod, made the following report, which was adopted, viz.

Resolved, That the prayer of the Synod be granted so far as to constitute

the Presbyteries of West Tennessee, Shiloh, Mississippi, and North Alabama, into a Synod, to be denominated the Synod of *West Tennessee*, to meet in Huntsville, on the second Wednesday of October next, at 11 o'clock, A. M.; and that the Rev. Robert Hardin, or in case of his absence, the senior minister present, open the Synod with a sermon, and preside till a Moderator be chosen, and the Synod regularly organized.

The committee to whom was referred the petition from the Presbytery of Salem, requesting that the Presbyteries of Salem, Madison, Wabash, and Missouri, be constituted a Synod, to be known by the name of the Synod of *Indiana*, made the following report, which was adopted, viz.

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition be granted, and that the said Synod meet in Vincennes on the third Wednesday of October next; and that the Rev. William Martin, or in case of his absence, the senior minister present, open the Synod with a sermon, and preside till a moderator be chosen, and the Synod regularly organized.

The committee on the subject of the American Colonization Society made a report, which, after considerable discussion, was re-committed.

The following communication was received from the Commissioners appointed by the late General Synod of the Associate Reformed Church to settle the accounts of the same, and ordered to be entered on the minutes, viz:—

"The Commissioners appointed by the late General Synod of the Associate Reformed Church to settle all accounts belonging to the same, &c. &c., beg leave to report to this General Assembly, that by a reference to their report of the 24th of May, 1825, it will be seen that they reserved in their hands $180 to defray the expense of writing up the minutes of said Synod.

The Commissioners employed the Rev. J. Arbuckle to write up and complete the book of minutes, which is nearly done, and when finished will be deposited among the archives of said Synod in the Spruce street church, agreeably to a resolution of the same. For this arduous service the Commissioners have paid Mr. Arbuckle $150, as per vouchers enclosed; and the balance they have paid to the Treasurer of the Princeton Seminary as per receipt. All which is respectfully submitted by

W. W. Phillips, } *Commissioners of the late Gen.*
Archibald Falconer, } *Synod of A. R. Church.*

New York, May 25, 1826."

The committee on the Fourteenth Annual Report of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary, made a report, which being read and amended, was adopted, and is as follows, viz:—

1. *Resolved*, That this Assembly do approve of the resolution passed by the Board of Directors at their late meeting, with a view of securing the attendance of students during a full course of theological instruction in our Seminary.

2. *Resolved*, That the Assembly notice with regret the prevalence of what they deem a serious evil, not only to the Seminary, but to the church at large, in the number of students who annually leave the Institution before the prescribed course of studies is completed. And they do earnestly recommend to the students, if practicable, to continue the full time prescribed in the Plan.

The same committee, to whom was also committed the report of the Trustees of the Theological Seminary, made the following report, which was adopted, viz:—

1. *Resolved*, That an appropriation of $5050 be made for the payment of Professors' salaries.

2. *Resolved*, That the Assembly will this year make an election for Trustees of the Theological Seminary.

The election of Trustees was made the order of the day for Thursday morning.

Agreeably to the order of the day, an election was held for persons to fill the vacancies in the Board of Education; the ballots being taken, were committed to Mr. Henry and Mr. Younglove to count them, and report the result to the Assembly.

The Rev. Joshua T. Russell, who was appointed by the last Assembly an agent to solicit donations to the Theological Seminary at Princeton, made a report, from which it appeared, that he had procured the following subscriptions in the city of New York, viz:—

In Wall street congregation, - - - - - - -	$1260 00
Cedar street do - - - - - - - -	1460 00
Rutgers street do - - - - - - - -	1020 50
Brick Church, from 5 persons, - - - - -	200 00
Total subscribed, - - - - - - - -	$3940 50

Of the above subscriptions the agent reported that he had collected $1631 50.

Resolved, That Mr. Russell transmit the money he has collected to Mr. Isaac Snowden, Treasurer of the Trustees of the General Assembly.

Mr. Ogilvie obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of the Assembly.

Adjourned till 9 o'clock to-morrow morning. Concluded with prayer.

May 30, 9 *o'clock, A. M.*

The Assembly met, and was constituted with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

Rev. Henry Perkins, the alternate of Mr. Brown, who obtained leave of absence, appeared in the Assembly, and took his seat as a member.

Mr. Freeman, Mr. Henry R. Wilson, Mr. Parmelee, Mr. Messer, and Mr. Fairchild, had leave of absence from the remaining sessions of the Assembly.

Resolved, That the Rev. John M'Dowell, D. D., the Rev. Henry R. Weed, the Rev. Samuel S. Davis, and the Rev. Joshua T. Russell, be and they hereby are re-appointed general agents to solicit donations for the Theological Seminary, with discretionary powers as to the places in which they shall pursue their agencies, respectively.

The committee on the Colonization Society made the following report, which was adopted, viz:—

The Assembly having witnessed with high gratification the progress of the American Colonization Society in a great work of humanity and religion, and believing that the temporal prosperity and moral interests of an extensive section of our country, of a numerous, degraded, and miserable class of men in the midst of us, and of the vast continent of Africa, now uncivilized and unchristian, are intimately connected with the success of this institution:—Therefore

Resolved, That this Assembly recommend to the churches under their care, to patronize the objects of the American Colonization Society, and particularly that they take up collections in aid of its funds, on the 4th of July next, or on the Sabbath immediately preceding, or succeeding that day, and whenever such course may be thought expedient, to give their assistance, in such manner as may be most conducive to the interest of the general cause.

The committee appointed to consider the petition of Union Presbytery (Overture No. 3,) made the following report, which was adopted, viz.

The petition of the Presbytery states, that the missionaries of the American

Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, labouring among the Cherokee Indians, have organized a number of churches according to the order of the Presbyterian church in the United States, that these churches have been for the most part taken under care of the Union Presbytery, although some of the churches are within the territorial limits of other Presbyteries; that this measure was adopted on the presumption that no other judicatory of the church would object to it; especially as the missionaries and their churches, united with the Presbyterian body, on condition that they should be permitted to connect themselves with the Presbyteries that might be most agreeable to the natives, and most convenient to the missionaries. On this statement the Union Presbytery founds a petition that the General Assembly "would give liberty to the missionaries and churches in the Cherokee nation, to unite to such adjacent Presbyteries as may be most agreeable to themselves:" whereupon

Resolved, That the request herein made be granted; and the several Presbyteries to which the missionaries and churches aforesaid may unite themselves, are directed to report the names of ministers, and number of communicants thus received, to each future General Assembly; it being understood that in all other respects the said ministers and churches shall submit to the government and order of the Presbyterian church.

The committee to whom was referred the communication from the American Sunday School Union, recommended the following resolution, which was adopted, viz.

Resolved, That the General Assembly do cordially approve of the design and operations of the American Sunday School Union; and they do earnestly recommend to all the ministers and churches under their care, to employ their vigorous and continued exertions in the establishment and support of Sabbath schools.

The committee appointed to count the votes for persons to fill the vacancies in the Board of Education, made a report, from which it appeared, that the following persons are duly elected for four years, viz.

Ministers.—Rev. Ashbel Green, D. D., Francis Herron, D. D., Jacob J. Janeway, D. D., Samuel Miller, D. D., Robert G. Wilson, D. D.

Elders.—Mr. Edwin Putnam, Robert Ralston, John Montgomery, Zechariah Lewis.

And that Mr. James Wardlaw was chosen in the room of Mr. William Leslie, deceased.

The committee appointed to answer the dissent and protest presented yesterday, against the admission of Mr. Josiah Bissell as a member of the Assembly, made the following report, which was adopted and ordered to be entered on the minutes, viz.

"Mr. Bissell was admitted by the Assembly for the following reasons:

1. The commission which Mr. Bissell produced was in due form, and signed by the proper officers of the Presbytery.

2. Every Presbytery has a right to judge of the qualifications of its own members; and it is amenable to Synod, and not to the General Assembly, except by way of appeal, or reference, or complaint, regularly brought up from the inferior judicatories, which has not been done in the present case.

3. It would be a dangerous precedent, and would lead to the destruction of all order in the church of Christ, to permit unauthorized verbal testimony to set aside an authenticated written document."

Resolved, That the Assembly will this year make no election for trustees of the General Assembly.

The report of the committee on the alteration of existing rules of the Assembly, was taken up, and being read and amended, was recommitted to the same committee, with the addition of Dr. Ely and Mr. Post.

The clerks of the Assembly reported, that they have obeyed the directions of the last Assembly in procuring such conveniences for the use of the Moderator and other officers of this house, as evidently assist them to perform their duties in the Assembly with greater comfort and expedition than was formerly practicable. The above report was accepted, and the Stated Clerk was directed to liquidate the bill for the articles procured, by an order on the Treasurer of the Trustees.

Resolved, That it be the standing order of the day for the first Thursday after the meeting of each future Assembly, to receive the report of the Board of Missions; that said report shall be delivered in the church; that the parts of said report which relate to those Presbyteries and Synods which manage their own missionary concerns, so far as the Board of Missions may judge it expedient and convenient, shall be read by the representatives of those judicatories, who may be members of the Assembly; and that the Board of Missions be and they hereby are authorized to procure persons to deliver addresses on the subject of missions, immediately after the reading of the annual report, whether those persons shall be members of the Assembly or not.

Resolved, That all missionaries sent out by the Board of Missions, and all Presbyteries, Synods, and Societies, auxiliary to the Board, be and they hereby are directed to transmit their reports annually to the president of the Board, the Rev. Dr. Janeway, by the 1st of May; and they are hereby authorized to transmit said reports by mail, the postage on which shall be paid by the Board.

The committee to whom was committed the subject of the qualifications of the lay delegates, who may be entitled to a seat in the General Assembly (Overture No. 7,) reported, and their report was discussed at considerable length.

Mr. Hoge, Mr. Penney, and Mr. Baldwin, had leave of absence from the remaining sessions of the Assembly.

Adjourned till 4 o'clock this afternoon. Concluded with prayer.

4 *o'clock, P. M.*

The Assembly met, and was constituted with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

Rev. Samuel B. Wilson, Mr. Wickes, and Mr. Maxwell, had leave of absence from the remaining sessions of the Assembly.

The Assembly resumed the consideration of the report of the committee on the subject of the lay delegates who are entitled to a seat in the General Assembly. After considerable discussion the whole subject was indefinitely postponed.

The committee to whom was referred the Overture respecting the profanation of the Lord's day, presented the following resolutions, which were adopted, viz.

1st. *Resolved*, That this Assembly regard with pain and deep regret the profanation of the Lord's day, which exists in our country in various forms, and which is calculated in an alarming degree, to create a neglect of public worship, a contempt of the authority of Almighty God, a corruption of morals, and eventually to bring down the judgment of God on our land.

2d. *Resolved*, That the Assembly repeat the warnings which have heretofore been frequently given on this subject, and do solemnly and earnestly exhort the churches and individuals in their connection, to avoid a participation in the guilt of profaning this holy day.

3d. *Resolved*, That it be earnestly recommended to the ministers of the Presbyterian churches who have pastoral charges, frequently and solemnly to address their people on the subject of the sanctification of the Lord's day, and

to urge its vital importance to our moral, social, and civil, as well as religious welfare.

4th. *Resolved*, That it be solemnly enjoined on all the Presbyteries and church sessions in our connection, to exercise discipline on their respective members whenever guilty of violating the sanctity of the Sabbath; and that an inquiry should be annually instituted in each Presbytery relative to this subject; and that each pastor should at the earliest opportunity practicable, present this subject in all its solemn importance to the session of the church under his pastoral charge, and invite the co-operation of its members in all proper and prudent measures for the suppression of Sabbath breaking:—and further, that it be recommended to all our ministers and church members when travelling, to give preference to such livery establishments, steamboats, canal boats, and other public vehicles, as do not violate the law of God, and of the land, in relation to the Sabbath.

5th. *Resolved*, That one member in each Synod belonging to this body, be appointed a committee to correspond with individuals, or the constituted authorities of other religious denominations, respecting measures which may be taken in concert, to prevent the profanation of the Lord's day; and further, that the commissioners to the several ecclesiastical bodies with which this Assembly has correspondence, be committees for the same purpose.

The following persons were appointed according to the foregoing resolutions, viz.

Rev. Norris Bull, Rev. Henry Axtell, D. D., Rev. John Chester, D. D., Rev. Joseph M'Elroy, Rev. Samuel Miller, D. D., Rev. Ashbel Green, D. D., Rev. Obadiah Jennings, Rev. James Hoge, Rev. Giles H. Cowles, D. D., Rev. Conrad Speece, D. D., Rev. Isaac Anderson, D. D., Rev. James Blythe, D. D., Rev. Allan D. Campbell, Rev. John T. Hamilton, Rev. Samuel L. Graham, and Rev. William H. Barr, D. D.

The appeal of Mr. Pope Bushnell, from the sentence of the Synod of New York, affirming the sentence of the Presbytery of Hudson, by which he had been suspended from the sealing ordinances of the church, was taken up.

Mr. Swift had leave of absence from the remaining sessions of the Assembly; and Mr. Galbraith, Mr. William Dickey, Mr. Jennings, Mr. Barr, Mr. Stimson, and Mr. Nourse, after to-morrow.

Adjourned till 9 o'clock to-morrow morning. Concluded with prayer.

May 31, 9 *o'clock, A. M.*

The Assembly met, and was constituted with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

Mr. Thompson obtained leave to resign his seat to the Rev. John M'Dowell, D. D., the alternate mentioned in their commission.

Mr. Nott, Mr. Peet, and Mr. Seely, had leave of absence from the remaining sessions of the Assembly; and Mr. Treat and Mr. Coe after to-day.

The committee to whom was referred the proposal of the Presbytery of Hanover, respecting the Theological Seminary under the care of said Presbytery, reported the following resolutions, which were adopted, viz.

Resolved 1. That the General Assembly will agree to take the Theological Seminary of the Presbytery of Hanover under their care and control. The Plan of the Seminary has been examined by the committee, who are of opinion that it is such as merits the approbation of the General Assembly.

2. That the General Assembly will receive by their Trustees and manage the permanent funds of the Theological Seminary of the Presbytery of Hanover, which may be put into their hands; which funds shall be kept entirely distinct from all others belonging to the General Assembly. But the General As-

sembly will not be responsible for any loss or diminution of said funds, which may occur from the change of stocks, or from any other unavoidable cause.

3. That the General Assembly will agree to permit the Presbytery of Hanover to draw annually or quarter-yearly the avails of their funds, and will give direction to their Trustees to pay any warrants for the same which may be drawn by the President of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary of the Presbytery of Hanover, or by any other person named by the Presbytery.

4. That the General Assembly do also agree, that they will permit the Presbytery of Hanover to draw out, in part or in whole, the funds deposited in the hands of the Trustees of the General Assembly; provided, however, that the proposal to withdraw shall lie before the Presbytery at least one year previously to its being acted upon. The General Assembly shall also be at liberty to resign all charge and superintendence of the said Theological Seminary whenever they shall judge the interests of the Presbyterian Church to require it: in which case the General Assembly will direct their Trustees to return to the Presbytery of Hanover all their funds, which may have been deposited in the hands of said Trustees, or convey them in trust to such individuals as may be named Trustees by the Presbytery of Hanover.

5. That the General Assembly shall have the right to exercise a general control over the Theological Seminary of the Presbytery of Hanover: that is, they shall have a negative on all appointments to the offices of Professors and Trustees in said Seminary; and on all general laws or rules adopted by the Presbytery for its government.

6. That therefore the Presbytery of Hanover shall annually send up to the General Assembly a detailed report of all their transactions relating to said Theological Seminary: on which report a vote of approbation or of disapprobation shall be taken by the General Assembly, and all appointments or enactments of said Presbytery, or of the Board of Trustees acting under their authority, which may be rejected by the General Assembly, shall be null and void. But the authority of the General Assembly over the Seminary shall be merely negative: they shall not originate any measures or give any special directions for the government of the Institution.

7. That if it shall appear to the General Assembly that doctrines contrary to the standards of the Presbyterian Church are inculcated in the said Seminary, or that in any other respect it is so managed as to be injurious to the interests of truth, piety, and good order, the General Assembly may appoint visitors to examine into the state of the said Seminary, and to make a full report to them thereon.

8. That if the General Assembly shall be convinced that any professor in said Seminary inculcates doctrines repugnant to the word of God, and to our Confession of Faith, they shall require the Presbytery of Hanover to dismiss such professor, and to appoint another in his place. And if said Presbytery neglect or refuse to comply with such requisition, the General Assembly will withdraw their patronage and superintendence from the Seminary; and will take such other steps as may be deemed necessary in the case.

9. That if the Presbytery of Hanover accede to these terms, then the Theological Seminary at Hampden Sydney College shall be denominated the Theological Seminary of the Presbyterian Church under the care of the Presbytery of Hanover, and the aforesaid articles and conditions shall go into effect.

The appeal of Mr. Pope Bushnell was resumed. The Moderator being a member of the Synod appealed from, Mr. Jennings, the last Moderator present, took the chair.

The duly authenticated documents present were read. After which the roll was called, that each member might have an opportunity of expressing his opinion. The vote was then taken, and the appeal of Mr. Pope Bushnell was sustained, and the sentence of the Synod reversed.

Dr. Laurie, Dr. Ely, and Dr. M'Dowell, were appointed a committee to prepare a minute to be adopted by the Assembly, in relation to the above decision.

The first appeal of Mr. Josiah B. Andrews, viz: an appeal from a decision of the Synod of New Jersey, affirming a decision of the late Presbytery of Jersey, was taken up.

The decision of the Synod appealed from; the reasons assigned by the apellant for his appeal, which were on record, and the whole record of the proceedings of the inferior judicatories in the case were read; after which Mr. Andrews and the Synod were heard, until they were satisfied. Mr. Andrews and the members of the Synod then withdrew. The roll was then called to give each member an opportunity to express his opinion; after which the final vote was taken; and the appeal of Mr. Andrews was NOT sustained, but the sentence of the Synod affirmed.

The committee to whom was recommitted their report on the alteration of existing rules reported, and their report was adopted in part, and is as follows, viz:—*Resolved*,

1. That hereafter the reading of the minutes of the preceding year, at the opening of the Assembly, be wholly omitted.

2. That it be the duty of the Stated Clerk to furnish each member of the Assembly, as soon as it shall be formed, with a copy of the printed minutes, and that he perform this duty on a call of the roll for that purpose.

3. That a docket of all the business arising out of the records of the preceding Assembly, carefully and accurately prepared by the Stated Clerk, shall be read immediately after the delivery of copies of the printed minutes to the members.

4. That the Assembly will in future continue to hear the reading of the narratives on the state of religion, sent up by the Presbyteries; but having heard them, will deliver them into the hands of the Stated Clerk, with permission to publish, free of expense to the Assembly, in periodical papers, such extracts as he may deem proper and edifying.

5. That the Assembly will hereafter prepare no general narrative on the state of religion.

The remainder of the report of the committee, relating to proposed amendments to the constitution, was recommitted to the same committee.

A motion was made and carried to discharge the trustees of the General Assembly from the duty assigned them, by a vote of the Assembly to inquire relative to a law of the state of Pennsylvania, which imposes a tax of $2\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. on all bequests to any literary, moral, and religious objects, and to report to this Assembly.

The further consideration of this business was indefinitely postponed.

The second appeal of Mr. Josiah B. Andrews, viz. an appeal from the decision of the Synod of New Jersey, affirming a decision of the Presbytery of Elizabethtown, by which he has been suspended from the gospel ministry, was taken up.

The documents were read in part. Mr. Judd had leave of absence from the remaining sessions of the Assembly; and Mr. Raynsford after this afternoon.

Adjourned till this afternoon at 4 o'clock Concluded with prayer.

4 o'clock, P. M.

The Assembly met, and was constituted with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

Dr. Pomeroy, Mr. James Wallace, of Hudson Presbytery, and Mr. Dewitt, had leave of absence from the remaining sessions of the Assembly; Mr. Armstrong after to-day.

The Assembly resumed the consideration of the appeal of Mr. Andrews. The minutes of the inferior judicatories, the documents, and the testimony in the case, were read in part.

Mr. Curry, Mr. James H. Johnston, Mr. Munson, Mr. Younglove, Mr. Hutton, and Mr. James Wallace, of Troy Presbytery, had leave of absence from the remaining sessions of the Assembly.

The Assembly had a recess until 8 o'clock this evening.

After the recess the Assembly met, and resumed the appeal of Mr. Andrews, and finished reading the documents and testimony in the case.

Mr. Belville had leave of absence from the remaining sessions of the Assembly.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

June 1, 8 *o'clock, A. M.*

The Assembly met, and was constituted with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

Mr. John Johnston, Mr. Sawtelle, and Mr Bissell, had leave of absence from the remaining sessions of the Assembly.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Assembly proceeded to the election of Trustees of the Theological Seminary at Princeton, when the Hon. Jonas Platt was elected in the room of John Condict, Esq., Dr. John T. Woodhull, in the room of Ebenezer Elmer, Esq., Horace Stockton, Esq., in the room of John Beatty, Esq., Rev. James Carnahan, D. D., in the room of the Rev. Alexander M'Clelland, and the Rev. Joseph M'Elroy, in the room of the Rev. Samuel B. How.

Resolved, That the Assembly will make no further change in the Board this year.

The appeal of Mr. Andrews was resumed. The appellant was heard in defence of his appeal, and the Synod in support of their decision, after which Mr. Andrews was heard in reply.

The appellant and the members of the inferior judicatory then withdrew.

Whereas, The Hon. John Wheelock, LL. D., of Hanover, in the county of Grafton, and state of New Hampshire, in and by his last will and testament, did give and devise certain estates therein particularly mentioned, and did direct that they should belong of right, and be transferred to the Trustees of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian church in the United States of America, and to their successors and assigns, to be applied at their discretion to the use of the Theological Seminary of said church, now located at Princeton, in the state of New Jersey; and whereas, the Rev. William Allen, D. D., President of Bowdoin College, in the state of Maine, and Maria Mallenville Allen, his wife, who was the only child, the heir at law and residuary devisee of the said John Wheelock, in and by an instrument of writing under their hands and seals, bearing date the 8th day of June, A. D. 1825, duly acknowledged and recorded; to carry into effect the benevolent purposes of the Testator, did release and confirm unto James Carnahan, Samuel Miller, and Archibald Alexander, Doctors of Divinity, of Princeton, in the state of New Jersey, all their interests in the said estates, for the benefit of the Theological Seminary at Princeton, under the provision in said instrument expressed; and whereas, it is considered that it will best promote the intentions of the said Teststor, and the objects of his charitable purpose, that the whole interest in said estate should be vested in the same Trustees; now, therefore,

Resolved, That the Trustees of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian church of the United States of America, be requested to assign and transfer to the Rev. Drs. James Carnahan, Samuel Miller, and Archibald Alexander, the said estates so devised to them as aforesaid, by Dr. Wheelock, to be holden upon

the trusts, for the uses and upon the conditions, and under the restrictions, which are declared and specified in the transfer made to them by the Rev Dr. Allen, and his wife, of their interests in said estates.

Mr. Hodge obtained leave to resign his seat to Mr. John Mitchelmore, the alternate mentioned in their commission.

The committee appointed to act with a committee of the Trustees of New Jersey College, to dispose of certain moneys in the hands of said Trustees, and to inquire into the tenure by which the General Assembly hold said funds, reported that they had not finished the business assigned them.

Resolved, That the committee be continued.

Adjourned till this afternoon at 4 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

4 *o'clock, P. M.*

The Assembly met, and was constituted with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The committee on Overture No. 9, relating to an amendment in the Form of Government, chap. XIII. sect. 20, reported, and their report was adopted, and is as follows, viz.

The committee to whom was referred the consideration of the Overture (No. 9) relating to an alteration of that part of the constitution of our church, which gives the right of choosing ruling elders and deacons to the congregation, in the way most approved, and in use in the congregation," reported, that after deliberating on the subject, they find themselves unable to devise any method, by which a uniformity of practice can be established in this interesting concern, throughout the different sections of our church ; and believe that any alteration effected in the constitution with a view to relieve the difficulties in one section would produce difficulties in another section of the church. The committee therefore judge it inexpedient to propose any alteration, and recommend that the Assembly dismiss this subject from any further consideration.

The committee appointed to prepare a minute on the decision of the Assembly sustaining the appeal of Mr. Pope Bushnell, from a decision of the Synod of New York, affirming the decree of the Presbytery of Hudson, by which the said Mr. Bushnell had been suspended from the privileges of the church, made the following report, which was adopted, viz.

That the appellant having given due notice that he did appeal, appeared regularly before the Assembly; and that while the Presbytery and Synod have sent up their records in the case, neither has forwarded to this Assembly an authentic copy of the testimony taken on the trial. The Assembly did therefore decide, that Mr. Bushnell's appeal be and it hereby is sustained, so that he is restored to all his rights and privileges as a member of the church of Christ.

The Assembly proceeded to the consideration of the appeal of Mr. Josiah B. Andrews. The roll was called to give each member an opportunity to express his opinion; after which, the final vote was taken : when it was resolved, that the decision of the Synod of New Jersey, affirming the decision of the Presbytery of Elizabethtown, whereby Mr. Josiah B. Andrews was suspended from the office of the gospel ministry, be and it hereby is affirmed.

The Assembly had a recess until 8 o'clock this evening.

After the recess the Assembly met. The appeal of Mr. Charles Yale from a sentence of the Presbytery of Bath, deposing him from the gospel ministry, was taken up and dismissed, because it appeared that Mr. Yale gave notice to said Presbytery that he should appeal to the Synod of Geneva, several days before he signified his desire to the Moderator of Presbytery to appeal to the General Assembly.

The appeal of Harvey Chapin from a decision of the Synod of Genessee

affirming a decision of the Presbytery of Genessee, affirming a decision of the church of Warsaw, was taken up. The records, documents, and testimony in the case were read; after which the roll was called, to give each member an opportunity to express his opinion: when the final vote was taken, and the decision of the Synod was affirmed.

The Trustees of the General Assembly reported that the personal property belonging to the General Assembly, consists of fifty-three certificates of the funded 6 per cent. stock of the United States, in the 16 million loan, amounting to - - - - - - - - - - - - - $49,650 18

Seven certificates in the 7½ million loan of the U. S. amounting to - - - - - - - - - - - - 6,215 82

Two shares of the Capital Stock of the Bank of Pennsylvania, 800 00

Thirty-four shares of the Farmers' and Mechanics' Bank Stock, amounting to - - - - - - - - - - - 1,700 00

Thirty shares of the Bank of the United States Stock, amounting to - - - - - - - - - - - - 3,472 00

One share in the Steam Boat Company, - - - - - 50 00

Ten shares in the Schuylkill Permanent Bridge, - - - 140 00

A loan for which public stocks are held as collateral security, - 42,000 00

A mortgage well secured, - - - - - - - - 6,000 00

Three notes payable by Thomas H. Mills, for $500 each, - 1,500 00

Making together the sum of - - - - - - - $111,532 00

The sum expended in the purchase of the foregoing stocks, was $116,203 86; of which $4671 86 was the premium necessary in making the investment.

The different interests to which this stock is applicable, are, to

The Professorship of New York and New Jersey, - -	$10,591 55
The Southern Professorship, - - - - - - -	16,212 21
The Professorship of the Synod of Philadelphia, - - -	14,033 50
The Scholarships, - - - - - - - - -	25,066 00
The Permanent Fund of the Seminary, - - - -	22,492 11
The Students' Fund, - - - - - - - -	7,108 39
The missionary and contingent fund of the General Assembly, -	20,700 00
Making the amount of - - - - - - - - -	$116,203 86

The committee appointed to examine the records of the Synod of Genessee reported, and the book was approved.

Resolved, That the Permanent Clerk be allowed for his services during the sessions of the present Assembly and hereafter, three dollars per day.

The Permanent Clerk's account for services and stationery, and the janitor's bill, were presented and allowed; and the Permanent Clerk was directed to liquidate the same by a draft on the Treasurer of the Trustees of the Assembly.

The committee to whom was recommitted the report on the propriety of making certain alterations in the existing rules which govern the proceedings of the General Assembly, and if necessary, alterations in the Constitution of our church, recommended:

1st, That the *Form of Government*, chap. xii. sect. 4, be so altered in the first sentence as to read thus: "The General Assembly shall act upon all cases relating to complaints and appeals, which may be regularly brought before them from inferior judicatories."

2dly, That the *Book of Discipline*, chap. vii. sect. 1, article iv., be made to read thus: "No judicial decision, however, of a judicatory shall be reversed, unless it be regularly brought up by appeal, or complaint, or order of the General Assembly.

3dly, That the *Book of Discipline*, chap. vii. sect. 1, receive two new articles to be numbered vii. and viii., the *first* of which shall read thus: "Should it appear to the General Assembly in reviewing the records of a Synod, that a Synod has, in the case of a complaint or appeal, acted *unconstitutionally*, or done something manifestly unjust or oppressive, the General Assembly may pass a censure on its proceedings; but no judicial decision of a Synod shall be reversed by the General Assembly until due notice has been given to the original parties to appear before the next General Assembly, and to the inferior courts to send up all the documents, papers, and testimony relative to the case, duly authenticated:" and the *second* of which shall read thus, viz: "When a case shall be brought up, in the manner prescribed in the foregoing article, the Assembly shall be governed in their proceedings by the rules which regulate appeals before a lower judicature."

4thly, That to the *Book of Discipline*, chap. vii. sect. 2, shall be added a new article to be numbered x, in these words, viz: "References made by Presbyteries or Synods to the General Assembly shall not be for the trial of any cause, but only for advice."

5thly, That the *Book of Discipline*, chap. vii. sect. 3, receive an additional article to be numbered xviii., in the following words, viz: "All appeals from any Session or Presbytery shall terminate in the Synod to which those inferior courts belong."

6thly, That to the *Book of Discipline*, chap. vii. sect. 4, shall be added an article to be numbered viii., in these words, viz: "Complaints, like appeals, shall terminate in the Synods within whose jurisdiction they shall have originated."

In support of the foregoing propositions for alteration and amendment, the committee remark, That the time which is now consumed by the Assembly in the consideration of complaints and appeals is such as greatly to interfere with a due attention to other important and more general concerns of the church; and this demand of time for complaints and appeals will, if the existing system remains unaltered, speedily become so great, that the very limited period during which the Assembly can sit will scarcely suffice for attending to this single object. The foresight of this had, it is believed, a principal influence in the appointment of your committee; and after considering a variety of suggestions, insurmountable objections occurred to the adoption of any one, except that which has now been submitted. But to this every objection, when closely and candidly examined, seemed to your committee to vanish.

The right of complaint and appeal is indeed one of great importance, and the security of it fully is known to be regarded as among the most attractive features of the whole system of Presbyterian Church government. But this right, it is believed, may be provided for in all its extent, although the change in the Form of Government now contemplated should be made. It will be recollected, that before the formation of the General Assembly all appeals were terminated in a Synod—the Synod of New York and Philadelphia—not then more numerous than several of our local Synods now are; and with the final decisions of that Synod the churches were satisfied; quite as much so as they have ever been with the decisions of the General Assembly. Indeed, it is believed by your committee, that from the greater advantages possessed by Synods for obtaining an accurate knowledge of the true state and circumstances of the controversies which arise within their bounds, and from having more time for a careful investigation and a full hearing of every thing relating to complaints and appeals that are brought before them, they are more likely than the Assembly to make an equitable and a satisfactory award. Nor should it be forgotten, that if an inequitable and unsatisfactory award is ever made by the Assembly, the evil consequences are extensive and numerous; the authority and respect of subordinate judicatures are diminished; litigious individuals are encouraged

to persist in an evil course; erroneous principles are established by the supreme tribunal of our church, and eventually attachment to, and respect for, the General Assembly are enfeebled, and the bond of union among our churches is weakened, and its dissolution threatened.

Experience has taught us that a considerable part of the complaints and appeals on which the General Assembly has ultimately decided, had their origin from church sessions. In all such cases, if the proposed amendments to the Constitution should be adopted, two appeals will still remain—one to the Presbytery and the other to the Synod. If local feelings may be supposed in some cases to influence a Presbytery, they seldom if ever extend to a whole Synod; and as the placing of the last appeal here will bring controversies to a more speedy issue than if carried further, the most formidable objection ever made to the discipline of our church—that it occasions delay in settling disputes and ending discord—will, in no inconsiderable degree, be removed.

If, after all, a decision, manifestly unconstitutional or unjust, should be made by a Synod in the case of a complaint or an appeal, this will of course appear on the records, will probably be accompanied by a protest or dissent, will thus attract the notice of the Committee of the Assembly appointed to review the book, will by that committee be reported to the house, and thus a full opportunity will be given to correct the error.

The committee moreover recommend,

7thly, That in the *Form of Government*, chap. xii. sect. 7, the words "*publicly read*," should be exchanged for the word "examined." In favour of this amendment, the committee stated, that probably much time, which is now occupied by the whole Assembly in having the commissions publicly read, might be saved, and stricter order be observed, by the adoption of rules of the following import; that immediately after the opening of the General Assembly and the constituting of the house, a committee of commissions be appointed, with instructions; and that the house adjourn till the usual hour in the afternoon: That the committee of commissions be instructed to examine the commissions, and report to the Assembly, immediately after its opening in the afternoon, on those commissions which are unobjectionable, and on those, if such there be, which are materially incorrect, or that are otherwise objectionable: That those whose commissions are unobjectionable, immediately take their seats as members, and proceed to business; and that the first act be the appointment of a committee of elections, to which shall be referred all the informal, or otherwise objectionable commissions, with instructions to report thereon as soon as practicable.

The Committee finally recommend,

8thly, That the *Form of Government*, chap. xiv. sect. 6, be so altered as to read *three years* instead of *two years*.

It is believed by the committee, that since the formation of the constitution of the Presbyterian church in the year 1788, a change has taken place in the state of this church and society in our country at large, which may render proper a change in the period during which candidates for the gospel ministry should be required to study, previously to their licensure to preach the gospel. Candidates for the gospel ministry now are in general younger than such candidates were 30 years ago; there are more facilities for education; and the diffusion of knowledge and increase of mental improvement, seem to demand a correspondent increase of ministerial furniture, in those who preach the gospel. For these reasons the committee submit that in their apprehension the article of the constitution which directs, that the period of two years of previous study shall be indispensable to license, may advantageously be increased to the period of three years, except in extraordinary cases.

Having considered and approved of the foregoing eight propositions, the As-

sembly resolved that they be transmitted to the Presbyteries, and said Presbyteries hereby are instructed to report in writing to the next General Assembly, *their adoption or rejection of the alterations and additions*, thus proposed to be made in the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church.

It was also resolved, that so soon as the alteration proposed in the 7th item above enumerated, shall appear to have been constitutionally adopted by the Presbyteries, the following RULES of the Assembly shall be in force:

I. Immediately after each Assembly is constituted with prayer, the Moderator shall appoint a *Committee of Commissions.*

II. The commissions shall then be called for, and delivered to the committee of Commissions: and the person delivering each commission shall state whether the principal or the alternate is present.

III. After the delivery of the commissions the Assembly shall have a recess, until such an hour in the afternoon as will afford sufficient time to the committee to examine the commissions.

IV. That the committee of commissions shall, in the afternoon, report the names of all whose commissions shall appear to be regular and constitutional, and the persons whose names shall be thus reported, shall immediately take their seats and proceed to business.

V. The first act of the Assembly, when thus ready for business, shall be the appointment of *a Committee of Elections*, whose duty it shall be to examine all informal and unconstitutional commissions, and report on the same as soon as practicable.

The Assembly having completed its business, the roll was called agreeably to a standing rule, to ascertain whether any members had left the Assembly without leave.

Resolved, That this Assembly be dissolved, and that another Assembly, chosen in the same manner, be required to meet in the First Presbyterian Church in this city, on the third Thursday in May, 1827, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

Concluded with prayer, singing, and the apostolical benediction.

STATISTICAL REPORT.

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, on the first of June, A. D., 1826, had under its care sixteen Synods, viz:—I. The Synod of Genessee. II. The Synod of Geneva. III. The Synod of Albany. IV. The Synod of New York. V. The Synod of New Jersey. VI. The Synod of Philadelphia. VII. The Synod of Pittsburgh. VIII. The Synod of Ohio. IX. The Synod of the Western Reserve. X. The Synod of Virginia. XI. The Synod of Kentucky. XII. The Synod of Tennessee. XIII. The Synod of North Carolina. XIV. The Synod of South Carolina and Georgia. XV. The Synod of West Tennessee. And XVI. The Synod of Indiana.

I. The *Synod* of Genessee contains the Presbyteries of 1. Niagara, 2. Genessee, 3. Rochester, 4. Ontario, and 5. Buffalo.

II. The *Synod* of Geneva contains the Presbyteries of 1. Bath, 2. Geneva, 3. Cayuga, 4. Onondaga, 5. Cortland, and 6. Chenango.

III. The *Synod* of Albany contains the Presbyteries of 1. Londonderry, 2. Troy, 3. Columbia, 4. Albany, 5. Otsego, 6. Oneida, 7. Champlain, 8. St. Lawrence, 9. Ogdensburgh, and 10. Oswego.

IV. The *Synod* of New York contains the Presbyteries of 1. Long Island, 2. Hudson, 3. North River, 4. New York, and 5. New York Second.

V. The *Synod* of New Jersey contains the Presbyteries of 1. Newark, 2. Elizabethtown, 3. New Brunswick, 4. Newton, and 5. Susquehanna.

VI. The *Synod* of Philadelphia contains the Presbyteries of 1. Philadel-

phia, 2. New Castle, 3. Carlisle, 4. Huntingdon, 5. Northumberland, 6. Baltimore, 7. District of Columbia, and 8. Lewes.

VII. The *Synod* of Pittsburgh contains the Presbyteries of 1. Redstone, 2. Ohio, 3. Hartford, 4. Erie, 5. Washington, 6. Steubenville, 7. Allegheny.

VIII. The *Synod* of Ohio contains the Presbyteries of 1. Chillicothe, 2. Lancaster, 3. Miami, 4. Columbus, 5. Richland, 6. Cincinnati, and 7. Athens.

IX. The *Synod* of the Western Reserve contains the Presbyteries of 1. Grand River, 2. Portage, and 3. Huron.

X. The *Synod* of Virginia contains the Presbyteries of 1. Hanover, 2. Lexington, and 3. Winchester.

XI. The *Synod* of Kentucky contains the Presbyteries of 1. Transylvania, 2. West-Lexington, 3. Muhlenberg, 4. Louisville, and 5. Ebenezer.

XII. The *Synod* of Tennessee contains the Presbyteries of 1. Abingdon, 2. Union, and 3. French Broad.

XIII. The *Synod* of North Carolina contains the Presbyteries of 1. Orange, 2. Fayetteville, 3. Concord, 4. Mecklenburgh, and 5. Bethel.

XIV. The *Synod* of South Carolina and Georgia contains the Presbyteries of 1. South Carolina, 2. Hopewell, 3. Charleston Union, 4. Harmony, 5. Georgia, and 6. Alabama.

XV. The *Synod* of West Tennessee contains the Presbyteries of 1. West Tennessee, 2. Shiloh, 3. North Alabama, and 4. Mississippi.

XVI The *Synod* of Indiana contains the Presbyteries of 1. Salem, 2. Missouri, 3. Madison, and 4. Wabash.

SUMMARY VIEW OF THE PRESBYTERIES, PREPARED BY THE STATED CLERK.

NAMES OF PRESBYTERIES.	Ministers.	Licentiates.	Candidates.	Churches.	Communicants.	Baptisms.	Mission. Funds.	Commis. Funds.	Presbyt. Funds.	Theol. Sem. Funds.	Education Funds.
Niagara,	6	2		13	475	105	88 14	13 41			
Genessee,	15		1	22	610	88		24 69			65 27
Rochester,	11	3		15	745	105	1385 72	61 14			
Ontario,	12	1	2	16	1130	167		21 66	2 00		
Buffalo,	13	1		32	742	91	74 00	17 00		3 00	80 25
Bath,	9	1		22	1012	175		19 40			
Geneva,	25	2	3	29	2853	469		59 92			
Cayuga,	36	6	12	42	2476	135	317 26	46 31			
Onondaga,	15	1		19	1565	138		20 34			
Cortland,											
Chenango,											
Londonderry,	27	1		15	1729	127	40 00	32 16			78 25
Troy,	14	2	4	23	2220	177	22 94	55 90			122 21
Columbia,	17	5	3	10	898	45		43 00			
Albany,	35	9	18	28	4526	330	99 67	108 00		43 06	198 13
Otsego,	12	3	2	13	1457	85	1 32	24 27		7 00	
Oneida,	31	6	6	30	2752	207	329 73	81 15			220 00
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St. Lawrence,	23		1	25	1582	199	281 26	35 06			20 00
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Long Island,	14	4	1	15	1058	58	17 44	20 68			5 25
Hudson,	16	5	5	25	2435	98	22 80	30 98			68 27
North River,	15	1	2	21	1871	107	46 52	48 04			22 35
New York,	38	6	5	24	4853	579	197 66	283 79		30 00	128 45
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Newark,	21	4	7	19	3795	643	61 92	61 92			165 36
Elizabethtown,	17	6	6	17	3393	323	58 62	52 62			83 40
New Brunswick,	22	14	8	17	2062	187	60 52	41 42			62 44
Newton,	17			31	3022	337	110 87	32 31			64 25
Susquehanna,	14	2	2	29	1247	143	27 00	11 78			33 63
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New Castle,	23	3	12	33	4033	293	441 08	73 86	37 00	76 00	493 25
Carlisle,	23	3	2	42	3169	341	60 41	43 00			164 13
Huntingdon,	10	1	3	31	2158	242	25 65	42 67			
Northumberland,	10		6	18	2070	271	512 50	40 00		35 00	
Baltimore,	9	4	5	8	663	116	50 00	10 00	45 00	50 00	10 00
District of Columbia,	12	1	2	9	667	69	67 76		74 00	7 00	117 20
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Redstone,	21	2	1	44	3857	663	448 23	59 73			101 75
Ohio,	19	3	2	20	2147	243	289 73	70 79			272 47
Hartford,	11	1		28	2314	253	318 60	32 31			
Erie,	9	2		23	1099	96	235 75	33 66			42 00
Washington,	11	8	1	23	2260						
Steubenville,	9	1		21	1569	245		23 45			6 75
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Lancaster,	8	2		34	1088	141	52 26	47 00	5 00		18 00
Miami,	7	1		24	1155	144	79 31	46 09	6 01		72 44
Columbus,	8			19	851	88	163 00	10 50			16 00
Richland,	10			30	1539	161					
Cincinnati,	13		5	27	1155	143	128 08	52 03	13 20		121 11
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Portage,	10			20	817	61	138 70	12 52			30 50
Huron,	10	1		29	653	81	53 16	20 04			
Hanover,	25	5	5	29	1353						
Lexington,	20	1	5	37	2998	294	235 35	116 50		40 00	126 53
Winchester,	14	2	5	19	1067	124	173 97	49 95	10 00		264 33
Transylvania,	11	1	3	14	702	77	24 50	43 14			90 00
West Lexington,	8	1	2	12	495	52	33 12	9 18	2 00		150 00
Muhlenberg,	10	2	2	27	712	102	20 00		8 00		45 00
Louisville,	6	2		14	449	31	56 00	16 65	9 00	58 09	42 12
Ebenezer,	9	1	2	19	1075	76	323 87	60 00			17 25
Abingdon,	8	5	6	20	1911	206					25 95
Union,	12	5	6	27	1791	137			7 85		183 63
French Broad,	5	1	1	8	547				6 75		4 75
Orange,	16	5	5	30	1275	75		160 45			107 25
Fayetteville,	10	2	1	39	2309	23	10 00		3 25		80 00
Concord,	12	1	1	24	1219	149		24 00			
Mecklenburgh,	8	1		16	1804	206			4 00	353 50	
Bethel,	8		2	23	1587	152			7 00	45 75	
South Carolina,	15	5	2	35	1893	160			80 75		
Hopewell,	15	4	3	29	696	111					
Charleston Union,	12	1		4	397	35					
Harmony,	10		2	18	797	25					
Georgia,	6			6	291						
Alabama,	9		1	17	484	92		100 00			
West Tennessee,	16	3	1	23	889	169	150 00			25 50	91 00
Shiloh,	8	1	5	19	613	83	158 00		12 00		81 00
North Alabama,	9			13	366	47	188 12		76 10		36 00
Mississippi,	12	1		13	356	75	226 50	68 06	16 87	3505 00	343 00
Salem,	5		1	11	478	32	60 12	14 99	10 00		
Missouri,				18	510						
Madison,	4			13	536	94	22 61	18 68	3 25		16 25
Wabash,											

The following Ministers have died within the last year.

Comfort Williams, of the Presbytery of Rochester; James C. Crane, Niagara; Halsey A. Wood, Albany; Joshua Spaulding, North River; Joseph Rue, New Brunswick; Asa Dunham, Northumberland; Francis G. Ballentine, Philadelphia; Samuel Porter, Redstone; John B. Hoge, Hanover; John Lysle, Ebenezer; John Howe, Transylvania; Daniel Smith, Fayetteville; James Gilleland, Mississippi; William F. Watts, Concord.

1827.

PHILADELPHIA, May 17, 1827.

THE General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America met, agreeably to appointment, in the First Presbyterian Church in the city of Philadelphia, May 17th, 1827, at 11 o'clock, A. M., and was opened by the Rev. Thomas M'Auley, D. D., the Moderator of the last Assembly, with a sermon from Mark xvi. 15, 16: "And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned."

After prayer the commissions were read, and it appeared that the following Ministers and Elders were duly appointed, and attended as commissioners to the Assembly, viz:

PRESBYTERY OF NIAGARA—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF BUFFALO—*Minister*—Rev. Gilbert Crawford. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF GENESSEE—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—Mr. Henry G. Walker.

PRESBYTERY OF ROCHESTER—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF ONTARIO—*Minister*—Rev. Silas Pratt. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF BATH—*Minister*—Rev. Henry Ford. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF GENEVA—*Ministers*—Rev. Evan Johns, Henry P. Strong, Chauncey Eddy. *Elder*—Mr. Enoch Wing.

PRESBYTERY OF CAYUGA—*Ministers*—Rev. William Wisner, Benjamin Niles. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF ONONDAGA—*Minister*—Rev. Ralph Cushman. *Elder*—Mr. Heman Warren.

PRESBYTERY OF CORTLAND—*Minister*—Rev. Richard S. Corning. *Elder*—Mr. Sylv. Aylesworth.

PRESBYTERY OF CHENANGO—*Minister*—Rev. Daniel Waterbury. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF ONEIDA—*Ministers*—Rev. Israel Brainerd, Moses Gillet, John Monteith, Samuel W. Brace. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF OSWEGO—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF OTSEGO—*Minister*—Rev. John H. Prentice. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF ST. LAWRENCE—*Ministers*—Rev. Phinehas Camp, Jedediah Burchard. *Elder*—Mr. Paul Abbot.

PRESBYTERY OF OGDENSBURGH—*Minister*—Rev. Ova P. Hoyt. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF CHAMPLAIN—*Minister*—Rev. Moses Chase. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF LONDONDERRY—*Minister*—Rev. David M'Gregore. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF NEWBURYPORT — *Minister*—Rev. Daniel Dana, D. D. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF TROY—*Ministers*—Rev. Samuel Blatchford, D. D., Solomon Lyman. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF ALBANY—*Ministers*—Rev. Henry R. Weed, John Blatchford, Gilbert Morgan. *Elders*—Mr. Alexander Kelly, Erastus Williams, Joseph Clisby.

PRESBYTERY OF COLUMBIA—*Ministers*—Rev. William Chester, Seth Chapin. *Elder*—Mr. Thomas B. Cook.

PRESBYTERY OF LONG ISLAND—*Minister*—Rev. Amzi Francis. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF NORTH RIVER—*Ministers*—Rev. Jacob Green, Robert G. Armstrong *Elder*—Ben. B. Adams.

PRESBYTERY OF HUDSON—*Ministers*—Rev. Ezra Fisk, D. D., Daniel Young. *Elder*—Mr. James W. Wilkin.

PRESBYTERY OF NEW YORK—*Ministers*—Rev. Thomas M'Auley, D. D., William W. Phillips, D. D., Charles Webster, Thomas E. Vermilye. *Elders*—Mr. Zechariah Lewis, Rich. Cunningham.

PRESBYTERY OF NEW YORK, (2d.)—*Minister*—Rev. Walter Monteith. *Elder*—Mr. Alexander Ogilvie.

PRESBYTERY OF NEWARK—*Ministers*—Rev. Asa Hillyer, D. D., Philip C. Hay. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF ELIZABETHTOWN—*Ministers*—Rev. John M'Dowell, D. D., Albert Barnes. *Elder*—Mr. Joseph Wilbur.

PRESBYTERY OF NEW BRUNSWICK—*Minister*—Rev. Joseph H. Jones. *Elder*—Mr. John S. Woodhull.

PRESBYTERY OF NEWTON—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—Mr. Thomas Kennedy.

PRESBYTERY OF SUSQUEHANNA—*Ministers*—Rev. Charles Thompson, Isaac W. Platt. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF PHILADELPHIA—*Ministers*—Rev. Ashbel Green, D. D., Robert B. Belville, Alexander M'Farland. *Elders*—Mr. Robert G. Johnson, James Stuart.

PRESBYTERY OF NEW CASTLE—*Ministers*—Rev. Joseph Barr, Robert Graham. *Elder*—Mr. Amos Slaymaker.

PRESBYTERY OF CARLISLE—*Ministers*—Rev. James Buchanan, David Elliott, Robert Cathcart, D. D. *Elder*—Mr. Samuel Blood.

PRESBYTERY OF HUNTINGDON — *Minister*—Rev. James Linn. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF NORTHUMBERLAND—*Minister*—Rev. Joseph Painter. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF BALTIMORE—*Minister*—Rev. William Nevins. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA—*Minister*—Rev. Daniel Baker. *Elder*—Mr. John Douglass.

PRESBYTERY OF LEWES—*Minister*—Rev. Joshua Moore. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF REDSTONE—*Ministers*—Rev. William Speer, John Reed. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF OHIO—*Minister*—Rev. Francis Herron, D. D. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF HARTFORD—*Minister*—Rev. Nathan Harned. *Elder*—Mr. Thomas Henry.

PRESBYTERY OF ERIE—*Minister*—Rev. David M'Kinney. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF WASHINGTON, Pa.—*Minister*—Rev. Andrew Wylie, D.D. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF STEUBENVILLE—*Minister*—Rev. Salmon Cowles. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF ALLEGHENY—*Minister*—Rev. John Coulter. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF GRAND RIVER—*Ministers*—Rev. Jonathan Leslie, Harvey Coe. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF PORTAGE—*Minister*—Rev. John Seward. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF HURON—*Minister*—Rev. Daniel W. Lathrop. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF CHILLICOTHE—*Minister*—Rev. William Graham. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF LANCASTER—*Minister*—Rev. James Culbertson. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF MIAMI—*Minister*—Rev. Andrew W. Poage. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF COLUMBUS—*Minister*—Rev. William Burton. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF RICHLAND—*Minister*—Rev. James B. Morrow. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF CINCINNATI—*Minister*—Rev. John Thompson. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF ATHENS—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF SALEM—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF MADISON—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF WABASH—*Minister*—Rev. George Bush. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF MISSOURI—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF HANOVER—*Minister*—Rev. Shepard K. Kollock. *Elder*—Mr. William Maxwell.

PRESBYTERY OF WINCHESTER—*Minister*—Rev. William H. Foote. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF LEXINGTON—*Ministers*—Rev. Francis M'Farland, Thomas Caldwell. *Elder*—Mr. John Leyburn.

PRESBYTERY OF TRANSYLVANIA—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF WEST LEXINGTON—*Minister*—Rev. Samuel Steel. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF MUHLENBERG—*Minister*—Rev. William K. Stewart. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF LOUISVILLE—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF EBENEZER—*Minister*—Rev. Dewey Whitney. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF ABINGDON—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF UNION—*Minister*—Rev. Eli N. Sawtelle. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF FRENCH BROAD—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF HOLSTON—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF WEST TENNESSEE—*Minister*—Rev. Allan D. Campbell. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF SHILOH—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF NORTH ALABAMA—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF MISSISSIPPI—*Minister*—Rev. John H. Van Court. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF ORANGE—*Ministers*—Rev. Joseph Labaree, James Weatherby. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF FAYETTEVILLE—*Minister*—Rev. James G. Hamner. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF CONCORD—*Minister*—Rev. Henry N. Pharr. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF MECKLENBURGH—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.
PRESBYTERY OF BETHEL—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.
PRESBYTERY OF SOUTH CAROLINA—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.
PRESBYTERY OF HOPEWELL—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.
PRESBYTERY OF CHARLESTON UNION—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.
PRESBYTERY OF HARMONY—*Minister*—Rev. John Joyce. *Elder*—None.
PRESBYTERY OF GEORGIA—*Minister*—Rev William M'Whirr. *Elder*—None.
PRESBYTERY OF ALABAMA—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.
GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF CONNECTICUT—Rev. George A. Calhoun, Salmon Cone, Sylvester Eaton.
GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF MASSACHUSETTS—Rev. Samuel Austin, D. D., William B. Sprague.
GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF NEW HAMPSHIRE—None.
GENERAL CONVENTION OF VERMONT—None.
REFORMED DUTCH CHURCH—Rev. Jacob C. Sears. *Elder*—Frederick Erringer.
GERMAN REFORMED CHURCH—None.

The Rev. Francis Herron, D. D., was chosen Moderator; and the Rev. Philip C. Hay was chosen Temporary Clerk.

The roll was called, and each member of the Assembly was furnished by the Stated Clerk with a copy of the printed minutes of the last Assembly.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

May 10th, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Assembly met, and was constituted with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

Rev. Robert M. Laird, from the Presbytery of Ohio, appeared in the Assembly, and, his commission being read, took his seat as a member.

Dr. M'Dowell resigned his seat to the Rev. Abraham Williamson the principal named in their commission.

Dr. Fisk, Mr. Weed, Mr. Speer, Mr. Culbertson, Mr. F. M'Farland, Mr. Seward, Mr. Gillet, Mr. Linn, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Lewis, and Mr. Slaymaker, were appointed a committee of bills and overtures, to meet immediately upon the rising of the Assembly this morning, and afterwards on their own adjournments.

Mr. Wisner, Dr. Dana, Dr. M'Auley, Dr. Wylie, Mr. Elliott, Dr. Hillyer, and Mr. Maxwell were appointed a judicial committee to meet immediately after the rising of the Assembly; and afterwards on their own adjournments.

Mr. Armstrong, Mr. Kelly, and Mr. R. G. Johnson were appointed a committee to receive an account of the miles travelled by the Commissioners to the Assembly, and to make an apportionment of the Commissioners' fund, agreeably to a standing rule on the subject.

Mr. Green, Mr. Belville, and Mr. Williams were appointed a committee to examine the records of the Synod of Genessee.

Mr. Blatchford, Mr. Nevins, and Mr. Douglass were appointed a committee to examine the records of the Synod of Geneva.

Dr. Phillips, Mr. Ford, and Mr. Blood were appointed a committee to examine the records of the Synod of Albany.

Mr. Lathrop, Mr. Niles, and Mr. Stuart were appointed a committee to examine the records of the Synod of New York.

Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Poage, and Mr. Walker were appointed a committee to examine the records of the Synod of New Jersey.

Mr. Baker, Mr. Harned, and Mr. Slaymaker were appointed a committee to examine the records of the Synod of Philadelphia.

Mr. John Monteith, Mr. F. M'Farland, and Mr. Wilbur were appointed a committee to examine the records of the Synod of Pittsburgh.

Mr. Kollock, Mr. Steel, and Mr. Leyburn were appointed a committee to examine the records of the Synod of the Western Reserve.

Mr. Caldwell, Mr. Coe, and Mr. Kennedy were appointed a committee to examine the records of the Synod of Ohio.

Mr. Webster, Mr. Jones, and Mr. Ogilvie were appointed a committee to examine the records of the Synod of Indiana.

Mr. Bush, Mr. Morrow, and Mr. Cunningham were appointed a committee to examine the records of the Synod of Virginia.

Mr. Prentice, Mr. Brainerd, and Mr. Clisby were appointed a committee to examine the records of the Synod of Kentucky.

Mr. Graham, Mr. W. K. Stewart, and Mr. Adams were appointed a committee to examine the records of the Synod of Tennessee.

Mr. Crawford, Mr. Niles, and Mr. Wing were appointed a committee to examine the records of the Synod of West Tennessee.

Mr. Chester, Mr. Francis, and Mr. Warner were appointed a committee to examine the records of the Synod of North Carolina.

Mr. Hamner, Mr. Sawtelle, and Mr. Aylesworth were appointed a committee to examine the records of the Synod of South Carolina and Georgia.

Resolved, That it be the order of the day for to-morrow morning to receive the Synodical and Presbyterial reports.

Dr. Phillips, Mr. Green, and Mr. John Monteith were appointed a committee to receive these reports, examine them, and read to the Assembly such parts of them as they may judge necessary to be read for the information of the Assembly; and also to prepare a statement to be transcribed into the Compendious View.

Resolved, That it be the order of the day for Monday next to receive the reports on the state of religion.

Resolved, That the rule adopted by the last Assembly, viz: "That the Assembly will hereafter prepare no general narrative on the state of religion," be and it is hereby repealed.

The following communication, dated June 2, 1826, the day after the rising of the last Assembly, and addressed to the moderator of that Assembly, from Mr. Josiah B. Andrews, was laid before the Assembly, viz:—

"Notice is hereby most respectfully given to the General Assembly of Presbyterians in the United States, that the undersigned conscientiously believes it to be his duty to continue to preach the Gospel, and to perform all other ministerial services, according to the rule of God's word, wherever he may be providentially called, any resolutions or decisions of the Assembly, or of any other ecclesiastical body under their jurisdiction, made to the contrary notwithstanding. God alone is my judge. JOSIAH B. ANDREWS.

"Philadelphia, June 2, 1826.

"N. B.—Will the brethren have the goodness to cause the above notice to be entered on their minutes? Farewell.

"To the Moderator of the General Assembly."

The above communication was read, and committed to Dr. M'Auley, Dr. Fisk, and Mr. Francis M'Farland.

The committee appointed by the last General Assembly to meet a committee of the General Association of Connecticut, made the following report, viz:—

"The committee appointed by the last General Assembly to meet a committee of the General Association of Connecticut, in case they shall be pleased to appoint one, to confer in relation to the ordination of Mr. Chambers, &c., beg leave to make the following report:

That they did not, according to the letter of their appointment, attend the meeting of the General Association of Connecticut, at Stamford, in June last. Two members of the committee could not attend at that time. Of this they informed the last Assembly before their rising; but that body did not see proper to make a new appointment. Soon after the rising of the Assembly these members of the committee applied to their alternates to attend at Stamford in their place. This both the alternates declined to do. Your committee therefore had no alternative but either to abandon the object of their appointment, or else to communicate with the Association by writing, and request the appointment of a committee on their part to meet the committee of the Assembly at a subsequent day. The latter plan was adopted. Accordingly, an extract from the minutes of the last Assembly, accompanied by a letter from the committee, was sent to the General Association.

In consequence of this communication the General Association appointed a committee, of which the committee of the Assembly received notice, in a letter from the Rev. Daniel Smith, one of that committee. The two committees accordingly met at the house of the Rev. Dr. M'Auley, in the city of New York, August 1st, 1826. The following are the minutes of the proceedings of the joint committee.

New York city, August 1st, 1826. Eleven o'clock, A. M. The committee appointed by the General Assembly to meet a committee of the General Association of Connecticut, in case they shall be pleased to appoint one, for the purpose of conferring on the grievance of which the Presbytery of Philadelphia complain, in relation to the ordination of Mr. John Chambers, by the Association of the Western District of New Haven county; and of inquiring whether any, and if any, what further articles or alteration of the present terms of intercourse between the Presbyterian Church in the United States and the members of the Congregational churches in Connecticut may be expedient for the better promotion of the purity, peace, and christian discipline of the churches connected with the two bodies, met at the house of the Rev. Dr. Thomas M'Auley, in the city of New York.

Present, of the committee on the part of the General Association of Connecticut—Rev. Nathaniel Hewit, Rev. Daniel Smith. Absent—Rev. Aaron Dutton. And of the committee on the part of the General Assembly—Rev. Dr. Samuel Miller, Rev. Dr. John M'Dowell, Dr. Thomas M'Auley.

Mr. Smith was appointed chairman of the joint committee, and Dr. M'Dowell was appointed clerk.

The committee commenced their business with prayer by the chairman.

The commissions and instructions of the two committees were read.

From the commission and instructions of the committee from the General Association of Connecticut it appeared that they had no power to do any thing in relation to the case of the ordination of Mr. Chambers; but that they were appointed only on that part of the communication which respects the terms of intercourse between the General Assembly and the General Association of Connecticut.

After mature deliberation it was unanimously resolved, that the two following rules be proposed to the General Assembly and the General Association of Connecticut for the future regulation of their intercourse with each other, viz:

I. That it shall be deemed irregular and unfriendly for any Presbytery or Association within the bounds of the corresponding churches, to receive any candidate for licensure, licentiate, or ordained minister, into connection with either, without regular testimonials, and a regular dismission from the Presbytery or Association from which the said candidate, licentiate, or minister may come.

II. That the delegates commissioned respectively by the corresponding

churches to attend the highest body of each be hereafter empowered, agreeably to the original plan of correspondence between the two churches, to sit and deliberate only, but not to vote.

Resolved, That the above proceedings of the joint committee be signed by the chairman and clerk, and be laid before the General Assembly and the General Association of Connecticut.

Concluded with prayer by Dr. Miller.

DANIEL SMITH, *Chairman.*
JOHN M'DOWELL, *Clerk.*

The committee of the Assembly conclude their report, with asking leave to lay before this body an attested copy of the appointment and instructions of the committee of the General Asssociation.

SAMUEL MILLER,
JOHN M'DOWELL,
THOMAS M'AULEY, } *Committee.*

The above report was accepted; and the two resolutions, recommended by the joint committee, were adopted by the Assembly.

Resolved, That the next General Association of Connecticut be informed of the adoption of these resolutions by the Assembly.

Dr. Green, Dr. Blatchford, and Dr. Hillyer were appointed a committee to prepare a memorial, on the subject of the above resolutions, to be sent to the other ecclesiastical bodies in New England, represented in this body.

The delegates appointed to attend the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church, and the delegate to the General Association of New Hampshire and the General Convention of Vermont, reported respectively, and their reports were accepted.

The General Assembly taking into consideration, on the one hand, the marvellous and merciful dispensations of the God of providence and grace, within the year past, in the effusion of his Holy Spirit, manifested by a revival of vital piety, and the multiplication of hopeful converts in several parts of the Presbyterian church; and on the other hand contemplating the prevalence of coldness, deadness, and formality in religion, which still exist in several portions of our church, and the prevalence of vice and irreligion in many places; and considering also that the revivals themselves may be marred by the spread of false doctrine, error, and delusion, came to the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That we deem it peculiarly proper and important that the General Assembly, as being the representation of the whole Presbyterian church, should, in that capacity, engage in such religious exercises, as the special state and circumstances of that church appear at this time to demand.

2. *Resolved*, That in the circumstances in which the Presbyterian church is found at the present time, there is in the judgment of this Assembly, a special call for thanksgiving, humiliation, and prayer:—Thanksgiving for the glorious displays of God's grace, which he has made, and is now making in many of our churches, in our land, and the world at large;—Humiliation, that our sins separate between us and the still more general and powerful manifestations of his almighty power for the conviction and conversion of sinners in various parts of our church, whose formality and lukewarmness still remain, and in other parts where vice, immorality, and infidelity are yet found;—and Prayer,—earnest, united, persevering prayer, to Him with whom is the residue of the Spirit, and who has made so many gracious and condescending promises to encourage the supplications of his people, which promises he has invited them to plead before him. The Assembly considering these things, think it proper, notwithstanding the shortness of the period during which their sessions can continue, and the important concerns that must come before them, to set apart

one whole day as a day of special thanksgiving, humiliation, and prayer, in which the ordinary business of the Assembly shall be entirely suspended, and they do accordingly set apart Wednesday next to this purpose.

Resolved, That Dr. Green, Dr. M'Auley, and Mr. Lewis be, and they hereby are appointed a committee to consider and report to this Assembly, as speedily as practicable, an arrangement of exercises best calculated for the profitable observance of the day aforesaid.

A number of copies of the printed minutes of the General Association of Massachusetts, and of the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church were received, and committed to Dr. Cathcart and Mr. John Monteith for distribution among the members.

Mr. Culbertson, Mr. Elliott, and Mr. Green were appointed a committee to receive the reports of Presbyteries in relation to the alteration of the Confession of Faith, and the proposed amendments to the Form of Government, and the Book of Discipline, and report the result to the Assembly.

Adjourned till 4 o'clock, this afternoon. Concluded with prayer.

4 *o'clock, P. M.*

The Assembly met, and was constituted with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

Rev. Alonzo Church, from the Presbytery of Hopewell, Rev. John Smith, from the Presbytery of New Brunswick, Rev. Herman Halsey, from the Presbytery of Rochester, Rev. Eli Hunter, from the Presbytery of Genessee, Mr. Parley Coburn, a ruling elder, from the Presbytery of Susquehanna, and Mr. John Ward, a ruling elder, from the Presbytery of Rochester, appeared in the Assembly, and, their commissions being read, took their seats as members of the Assembly.

The committee to whom was referred the letter of Josiah B. Andrews, recorded on the minutes of this morning, reported the following resolution, which was adopted, viz.

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Assembly, the said letter is highly contumacious; and the sentiments avowed in it, a gross infraction of Mr. Andrews's ordination vows.

The delegates appointed by the last Assembly to attend the General Associations of Connecticut and Massachusetts, and the German Reformed Synod, reported respectively; and their reports were accepted.

The committee of Overtures reported an application from the churches of Colesville and Windsor in the Presbytery of Susquehanna and Synod of New Jersey, to be attached to the Presbytery of Chenango in the Synod of Geneva.

This application was accompanied by an extract from the minutes of the Presbytery of Susquehanna, approving of said application. Whereupon it was resolved that the request of the congregations of Colesville and Windsor be granted; and they are hereby annexed to the Presbytery of Chenango.

The Permanent Clerk informed the Assembly that there had been put into his hands an appeal from the Synod of Pittsburgh, by Mr. James Taylor—and a complaint against a decision of the Synod of Virginia, by the Rev. Samuel Houston, and the Rev. Samuel B. Wilson. The above appeal and complaint were referred to the Judicial Committee.

The committee appointed to report to the Assembly an arrangement of exercises for the observance of Wednesday next as a day of special thanksgiving, humiliation, and prayer, made a report, which was adopted.

The committee of Overtures reported a memorial from the Session of the first Church of Genoa, which was committed to Dr. Hillyer, Dr. M'Auley, and Mr. Lathrop.

The committee of Overtures also reported an application from the church of Dansville, in the Presbytery of Bath, in the Synod of Geneva, to be set off from said Presbytery, and annexed to the Presbytery of Ontario in the Synod of Genessee. The above application was granted; and the congregation of Dansville is hereby annexed to the Presbytery of Ontario.

The committee appointed to examine the Records of the Synod of Geneva reported, and the Records were approved.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

May 19, 9 *o'clock, A. M.*

The Assembly met, and was constituted with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

Rev. John H. Rice, D. D. from the Presbytery of Hanover, Mr. Alfred Crafts a ruling elder from the Presbytery of Otsego, and Mr. John C. Burnet a ruling elder from the Presbytery of Newark—appeared in the Assembly, and their commissions being read, took their seats as members of the Assembly.

The Assembly proceeded agreeably to the order of the day, to receive the Synodical and Presbyterial Reports, which were handed to the committee appointed on this business.

The Trustees of the General Assembly, presented a communication, informing the Assembly that Mr. James Anderson of the city of New York had paid to their Treasurer the sum of $2,500 to endow a scholarship in the Theological Seminary at Princeton. This communication was accompanied by a document from Mr. Anderson, stating the terms on which he founded said scholarship.

The committee to whom was referred the memorial from the session of the First Church of Genoa, made a report, which after some discussion was recommitted to the same committee.

The Judicial committee reported a complaint against the Synod of Virginia, by the Rev. Samuel Houston and Rev. Samuel B. Wilson; notice of which was ordered to be put on the Docket.

The committees appointed to examine the Records of the Synods of the Western Reserve and Philadelphia, reported respectively, and their Records were approved.

The committee of Overtures reported an overture, No. 4, which was committed to Dr. Rice, Mr. Wisner, Mr. W. Monteith, Mr. Elliott, and Mr. Weed.

The committee appointed to examine the Records of the Synod of Ohio reported, and the Records were approved, with the exception of a minute on page 243, disapproving of a decision of a Presbytery, and ordering said Presbytery to reconsider that decision, without any reasons being assigned.

The committee appointed to examine the Records of the Synod of New Jersey reported, and the Records were approved.

The committee to which was recommitted the memorial from the Session of the First Church of Genoa, brought in a report; when, after considerable discussion, Dr. Green, Dr. M'Auley, and Mr. Wisner, were appointed a committee to draw a minute on this subject.

The committee of Overtures reported overture No. 5, which was referred to the committee appointed on overture No. 4.

The committee of Overtures reported overture No. 6, and recommended in relation to it the following resolution, which was adopted by the Assembly; viz:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition of the Synod of Indiana, that the Ohio river may hereafter be the boundary line between that Synod and the Synod of Kentucky be granted; but that the boundary line between the Synods of Indiana and Ohio remain as it now is for the present.

The committee appointed to draw a minute on the subject of the memorial from the Session of the First Church in Genoa, reported the following, which was adopted, viz:

Resolved, That the church of Genoa be referred to the minute of the Assembly formed in the case of David Price, in the year 1825; from which it will appear, that in the judgment of the Assembly, "an admonition" was "deserved" by the said Price, in consequence of his unchristian conduct. And it is the judgment of this Assembly, that the Session ought immediately to have administered such admonition; that they ought still to administer it; and that if the said Price refuse to submit to such admonition, or do not thereupon manifest repentance and christian temper, to the satisfaction of the church, he ought not to be received into the communion of that or any other Presbyterian church.

Adjourned till 9 o'clock on Monday morning. Concluded with prayer.

May 21, 9 *o'clock, A. M.*

The Assembly met, and was constituted with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

Rev. Jacob Kirkpatrick from the Presbytery of Newton, Mr. Knowles Taylor, a ruling elder from the Presbytery of New York, Mr. Ira Gould, a ruling elder from the Presbytery of Geneva, and Mr. Isaac Bredell, a ruling elder from the Presbytery of Lewes, appeared in the Assembly, and their commissions being read, took their seats as members of the Assembly.

Resolved, That Dr. Rice, Mr. Sprague, Mr. Bush, Mr. Wisner and Mr. Belville, be a committee to draught a pastoral letter to the churches and people under the care of the General Assembly, and report the same during the present sessions of the Assembly.

Dr. Cathcart resigned his seat to the Rev. James Williamson, the principal mentioned in their commission.

The Assembly proceeded, agreeably to the order of the day, to receive the reports from Presbyteries, on the state of religion.

Mr. Elliott, Dr. Dana, Mr. Sprague, Mr. Barnes, and Mr. Sears, were appointed a committee to take notes, and draw up a summary statement.

The Assembly having made considerable progress in this business,

Adjourned till this afternoon at 4 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

4 *o'clock, P. M.*

The Assembly met, and was constituted with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary at Princeton made their annual report, which was read and committed to Mr. M'Whirr, Mr. Platt, and Mr. Steel.

The Assembly resumed and finished receiving the narratives on the state of religion.

Mr. Cook, Mr. Lewis, Mr. Warner, Mr. Coburn, and Dr. M'Auley, obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of the Assembly.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

May 22, 9 *o'clock, A. M.*

The Assembly met, and was constituted with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

Mr. James R. Gibson, a ruling elder from the Presbytery of New York, appeared in the Assembly, and his commission being read, took his seat as a member of the Assembly.

Rev. Gardiner Spring, D. D., from the Presbytery of New York, appeared in the Assembly, and took his seat as the alternate of Dr. M'Auley, who had leave of absence last evening.

Mr. Stuart obtained leave to resign his seat to Mr. Robert Smith, the alternate mentioned in their commission.

The Trustees of the Theological Seminary at Princeton made a report, agreeably to charter, which was accepted, and committed to the committee on the report of the Board of Directors, and directed to be printed with their report.

A report from the Presbytery of Hanover, respecting the Theological Seminary under their care, was laid before the Assembly and read, and committed to Dr. Dana, Mr. Weed, Dr. Fisk, Dr. Spring, and Dr. Phillips.

Resolved, That it be the order of the day for Thursday morning to elect Directors of the Theological Seminary at Princeton. A nomination was made to fill the vacancies.

The Stated Clerk reported that he had found among the papers of the Assembly about fifty copies of the Confession of Faith in sheets, of the edition of 1806, which he had caused, for their preservation, to be bound for 12½ cents per copy.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be and he hereby is authorized to distribute said copies among the distant and destitute churches under the care of this Assembly.

The committees appointed to examine the Records of the Synods of North Carolina and Indiana, reported respectively, and the Records were approved.

The committees appointed to examine the Records of the Synods of South Carolina and Georgia, and West Tennessee, reported respectively, that the Records had not been presented to the committees. Resolved, That the committees be discharged.

The following resolution was introduced and committed to Mr. Armstrong, Dr. Spring, and Mr. F. M'Farland, viz:—

Resolved, That those Commissioners who obtain leave of absence for any other cause than their own ill health, or the ill health of some of their families, before the committee on the Commissioners' fund present their report, shall not be entitled to any dividend from said fund.

Nominations were made for persons to attend the several ecclesiastical bodies holding correspondence with this Assembly.

The committee appointed to examine the Records of the Synod of Kentucky reported, and the records were approved, with the exception of the record on page 10, relative to a complaint, which appears to be defective.

Resolved, That there be no election for Trustees of the General Assembly, or of the Theological Seminary at Princeton, the present year.

The Judicial committee reported, that by permission of the Assembly a complaint was presented to them by the Rev. Dr. Ashbel Green, in behalf of a minority, against a decision of the Synod of Philadelphia, recorded on the Synod book, page 168; by which complaint the following question is presented for the decision of the Assembly, viz:—

Is it consistent with the constitution of this church for the same individual to hold the office of ruling elder in two different churches at the same time?

The complainants were heard in support of their complaint; the Synod was heard in defence of their decision; and the complainants concluded with a reply:

When it was resolved by the Assembly, that the decision of the Synod be affirmed, and the complaint dismissed.

A letter was received from the Female Tract Society of Philadelphia, presenting to the Assembly 5000 religious tracts, with a request that they may be apportioned among their ministers, missionaries, and elders residing or travelling in those sections of country represented as destitute of a stated ministry of the gospel, and of religious books, in the western and southern States, and distant parts of the State of Pennsylvania.

Resolved, That the above donation be accepted, and that the thanks of this Assembly be presented by the permanent clerk to the Philadelphia Female

Tract Society for their generous donation; and that the tracts be committed to the stated clerk for distribution, agreeably to the request of the donors.

The committee of overtures reported overture No. 7, viz: an application from the Rev. Samuel H. M'Nutt, and the church of New Dublin, in the Presbytery of Lexington, in the Synod of Virginia, to be set off from that Presbytery, and attached to the Presbytery of Abingdon, in the Synod of Tennessee. This application was accompanied with information that the Presbytery of Lexington had consented to this transfer.

Whereupon it was resolved, that the Rev. Samuel H. M'Nutt, and the church of New Dublin, be and they are hereby set off from the Presbytery of Lexington and annexed to the Presbytery of Abingdon.

The committee appointed to examine the records of the Synod of Pittsburgh reported, and the records were approved with the following exceptions, viz:—

Page 303, on which it is stated, that a report on the state of religion was adopted, and is as follows—but the report does not appear there:

And that at the opening of the Synod no sermon was delivered, as the constitution requires, but on the following evening.

Mr. Blood had leave of absence from the remaining sessions of the Assembly.

Adjourned till 4 o'clock, P. M. Concluded with prayer.

4 o'clock, P. M.

The Assembly met, and was constituted with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

Rev. Alexander M'Ewen, from the Presbytery of Abingdon, and Mr. George Brayton, a ruling elder from the Presbytery of Oneida, appeared in the Assembly, and their commissions being read, took their seats as members of the Assembly.

Mr. Woodhull had leave of absence from the remaining sessions of the Assembly.

The Assembly had a recess to attend the anniversary of the American Sunday School Union.

Adjourned for business till Thursday morning, to-morrow having been set apart by the Assembly as a day of thanksgiving, humiliation, and prayer. Concluded with prayer.

May 24, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Assembly met, and was constituted with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

Rev. Ebenezer Phillips from the Presbytery of Long Island, and Mr. Samuel Bayard, a ruling elder from the Presbytery of New Brunswick, appeared in the Assembly, and their commissions being read, took their seats as members of the Assembly.

Yesterday was observed by the Assembly, as a day of thanksgiving, humiliation, and prayer. Agreeably to the plan reported by the committee of arrangements, the Assembly convened at 10 o'clock in their usual place of meeting. A number of ministers and elders, who were not members of the Assembly, met with them. The time, until near two o'clock, was spent together in prayer, praise, reading the scriptures, and exhortation. The season was one of great interest, and there were evident tokens of the special presence of the Holy Spirit. At 4 o clock, the Assembly met in the First Presbyterian church, with a large congregation. The religious exercises were conducted in a manner similar to those of the forenoon, and the season was again one of great interest and solemnity. In the evening the members of the Assembly attended in different churches in the city, in which there was religious worship, under the direction of their respective pastors.

The committee appointed to examine the records of the Synod of Tennessee, reported, and their report was put on the docket.

The committee appointed to act with a committee of the Trustees of New Jersey College, to dispose of certain moneys in the hands of said Trustees, and to inquire into the tenure by which the General Assembly hold said funds, made a report, which was put upon the docket.

The ballots were received for persons to fill the vacancies in the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary at Princeton, and were committed to Mr. John Blatchford, Mr. Linn, and Mr. Armstrong, to canvass them, and report the result to the Assembly.

The ballots were also received for persons to attend the several ecclesiastical bodies with which this Assembly holds correspondence, and were committed to Mr. Brace, Mr. Cone, and Mr. Harned.

A communication was received from the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, which was ordered to be entered upon the minutes, and is as follows:

"*Philadelphia, May 22d*, 1827.

To the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church,

Rev. Sir,—I herewith present to the Assembly over which you preside a certified copy of the resolutions of the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, in reference to the proposed plan of correspondence between the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, and this Synod.

'While the Synod cordially recognize the principle embraced in the proposed plan of correspondence, between the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church and this Synod, yet, aware of the scattered state of the churches under their care, the duty of preserving their mutual confidence unimpaired, and their strength undiminished, and the importance of the subject itself both to the present edification and the future operations of the people of God in their communion, they resolve to postpone indefinitely the further consideration of this question.'

A true extract from the minutes.

Attest, JOHN BLACK,
Stated Clerk of Synod."

Resolved, That a day be recommended by this Assembly to be observed by the churches under their care, as a day of thanksgiving, humiliation, and prayer. This subject was committed to the committee on the pastoral letter, to draught a suitable minute.

The committee of Overtures reported overture No. 8, viz., an application from certain ministers and churches in the territory of Michigan, to be constituted a Presbytery.

Resolved, That the application be granted, and a Presbytery is hereby constituted, to be called the Presbytery of Detroit:

And to consist of the following ministers, viz. Rev. Noah M. Wells, Rev. Erie Prince, Rev. Isaac W. Ruggles, Rev. William M. Ferry, and Rev. William Page; and the churches of Detroit, Farmington, Monro, Pontiac, and Mackinaw.

Resolved, That this Presbytery thus constituted hold their first meeting in the city of Detroit on the first Wednesday in September next, at three o'clock, P. M., and be opened with a sermon by the Rev. Noah M. Wells, and in case of his absence, by the senior minister present, and that the Presbytery meet afterwards on their own adjournments.

Resolved, That the Presbytery of Detroit be, and it hereby is, attached to the Synod of the Western Reserve.

Mr. Belville obtained leave to resign his seat to the Rev. Thomas J. Biggs,

and Mr. Smith to the Rev. George S. Woodhull, the alternates mentioned in their commissions respectively.

Mr. Nevins resigned his seat to the Rev. John Breckinridge, and Mr. Jones to the Rev. Archibald Alexander, D. D., the principals mentioned in their commissions respectively.

Mr. Walter Monteith, and Mr. Bredell, had leave of absence from the remaining sessions of the Assembly.

The Rev. Jacob William Dechant, a delegate from the *Reformed German Synod*, appeared in the Assembly, and, his commission being read, took his seat as a member of the Assembly.

The committee appointed to count the ballots for delegates to the several ecclesiastical bodies connected with the Assembly, reported, and the following persons were declared duly elected, viz.

The Rev. Samuel Blatchford, D. D., the Rev. Robert G. Armstrong, and the Rev. John Chester, D. D., to attend the next meeting of the General Association of Connecticut.

The Rev. Samuel Blatchford, D. D., and the Rev. Robert G. Armstrong, to attend the next meeting of the General Association of Massachusetts, and the Rev. John Chester, D. D., alternate to either of them who may fail.

The Rev. Asa Hillyer, D. D., to attend the next meeting of the General Association of New Hampshire, and of the General Convention of Vermont; the Rev. Daniel Dana, D. D., his alternate.

The Rev. Ashbel Green, D. D., and Mr. Alexander Henry, ruling elder, to attend the next meeting of the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church; and the Rev. E. S. Ely, D. D., was appointed alternate to Dr. Green.

The Rev. Ebenezer Dickey, D. D., and the Rev. Daniel Young, were appointed to attend the next meeting of the German Reformed Synod;—and the Rev. George Duffield was appointed alternate to either of them who may fail.

Agreeably to a standing order passed by the last Assembly, the Board of Missions made their report in the church. Several addresses were made by gentlemen invited by the Board of Missions; and the report was laid on the table.

Adjourned till this afternoon at 4 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

4 o'clock, P. M.

The Assembly met, and was constituted with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The committee to whom was referred the resolution offered respecting the Commissioners' fund, made the following report, which was adopted, viz.

1. It is, in the opinion of this General Assembly, highly important that Commissioners should not be appointed, unless it shall satisfactorily appear to the several Presbyteries that they design to remain throughout the sessions. 2. That in order to procure as far as possible this desirable object, it be and it is hereby ordered, that no Commissioner who shall obtain leave of absence within the first six days of the sessions shall be entitled to receive anything from the Commissioners' fund, unless the General Assembly shall order otherwise, when the reasons of the application are given.

The committee appointed to count the votes for Directors of the Theological Seminary at Princeton, made a report, from which it appeared, that the following ministers and elders were elected Directors for three years, viz.

Ministers—Rev. Ashbel Green, D. D., William Neill, D. D., John M'Dowell, D. D., Ezra S. Ely, D. D., Henry R. Weed, Jacob J. Janeway, D. D., Joshua T. Russell.

Elders—Benjamin Strong, Samuel Bayard, Robert Lenox.

And that John T. Woodhull, elder, was elected for one year to supply the vacancy occasioned by the death of Dr. John Van Cleve.

The committees appointed to examine the records of the Synods of Albany and Genessee, reported respectively, and the records were approved.

The report of the Board of Missions made this morning, was committed to Dr. Fisk, Dr. Wylie, and Mr. Elliott; and the committee are empowered, on finding the balances due to missionaries, to direct the payment of the same.

Mr. Joyce obtained leave to resign his seat to the Rev. William Brearly, the alternate mentioned in their commission.

The Assembly took up the subject of the location of the Western Theological Seminary. Several proposals and communications in relation to different sites were read; after which prayer was offered for divine direction. A motion was then made to locate the Seminary at Allegheny Town—and after some discussion, the Assembly adjourned till to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

May 25th, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Assembly met, and was constituted with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The Rev. John Gray of the Presbytery of Newton, appeared in the Assembly, and his commission being read, took his seat as a member of the Assembly.

Resolved, That the Board of Missions be requested to present the thanks of the Assembly to the Rev. Daniel Baker for the missionary sermon which he preached last evening.

The committee of Overtures reported overture No. 9, which was committed to Dr. Spring, Mr. Breckinridge, and Mr. Eaton.

The Assembly resumed the consideration of the location of the Western Theological Seminary.

Mr. Barr obtained leave to resign his seat to the Rev. Amzi Babbit; and Mr. Graham of New Castle, to the Rev. John N. Danforth, the alternates mentioned in their commissions respectively.

Adjourned till 4 o'clock this afternoon. Concluded with prayer.

4 o'clock, P. M.

The Assembly met, and was constituted with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The Rev. Abraham O. Stansbury, the alternate of Mr. Walter Monteith, who obtained leave of absence, appeared in the Assembly, and took his seat as a member.

The Assembly resumed the consideration of the location of the Western Theological Seminary.

The original motion was modified so as to read as follows, viz.

"*Resolved*, That a Theological Seminary be, and it is hereby declared to be, located at Allegheny Town, near Pittsburgh, in the State of Pennsylvania; and that the style or title of said Seminary be 'The Theological Seminary of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the Synod of Pittsburgh.'

Resolved, As the judgment of this Assembly, that a Theological Seminary, under the care of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian church, ought to be located in some suitable place in the bounds of the Synods to the westward of the Synod of Pittsburgh, so soon as it shall appear that there is a reasonable prospect of obtaining funds adequate to its establishment and support."

After considerable discussion, a motion was made and carried to postpone the above resolutions, and the following was introduced as a substitute, viz.

Resolved, That the Western Theological Seminary be located at Walnut Hills.

After considerable discussion a motion was made to postpone this resolution also, with a view to introduce the following, viz.

Resolved, That the roll be now called, and that each member be allowed to vote either for Allegheny Town or Walnut Hills. This motion was carried.

The roll was called, when it was decided that Allegheny Town be the site of the Western Theological Seminary.

The committee on milage made a report which was adopted. *Resolved*, That the Trustees of the General Assembly be directed to issue a warrant for the payment of $1764 78 to the Commissioners, agreeably to the report of the committee on milage.

Mr. Gould, Mr. Lyman, Mr. Hunter, and Mr. Walker had leave of absence from the remaining sessions of the Assembly.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

May 26, 9 *o'clock, A. M.*

The Assembly met, and was constituted with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

Mr. John Clark, a ruling elder from the Presbytery of Newton, appeared in the Assembly without a commission, but sufficient testimony having been produced that he had been duly appointed and commissioned, he took his seat as a member of the Assembly.

Mr. Craft, Mr. Labaree, Mr. Prentice, and Mr. Niles, had leave of absence from the remaining sessions of the Assembly.

The committee to whom were referred overtures No. 4 and No. 5, containing resolutions of the Presbyteries of Richland and Charleston Union, disapproving the practice of permitting members of the General Assembly "at various stages of the sessions to resign their seats to others called alternates," made the following report, viz:—

These overtures present two points of inquiry

1. Whether the constitution of the church, according to a fair interpretation, permits the practice complained of by these Presbyteries.

2. If this practice is allowed by the constitution, whether it is expedient that it should be continued.

As to the first question, the only authority on this subject, as far as appears to your committee, is found in Form of Government, chapter xxii. section 1, in these words—"and as much as possible to prevent all failure in the representation of the Presbyteries, arising from unforeseen accidents to those first appointed, it *may be* expedient for each Presbytery, in the room of each commissioner, to appoint also an alternate commissioner to supply his place in case of necessary absence."

The first remark obviously presenting itself here is, that the language quoted, so far from making the appointment of alternates necessary, contains nothing more than a recommendation of the measure expressed in very gentle terms.

In the next place, although the terms of the article may be so interpreted as to make it provide for the *necessary absence* of a Commissioner at any time during the sessions of the Assembly, yet it appears most reasonable to suppose that the intention of the framers of the constitution was to provide for those unforeseen events which might *altogether prevent* the attendance of the *primary* commissioners. For it is not at all probable, that *wise men*, in drawing up a constitution for a church judicature of the highest dignity, whose business is often both very important and extremely difficult, would provide for a change in

the members of the court, after it should be constituted, and become deeply engaged in the transaction of weighty affairs, and the investigation of perplexing questions. A measure of this kind is, the committee believe, without example, and therefore the construction, which would support it, is thought to be erroneous.

If in this case the committee have judged correctly, they are much more confident in the remarks that the Constitution does not justify the practice, now very common, of the arrangements, for convenience, made by the primary commissioner and his alternate, according to which the one or the other, as the case may be, takes his seat for a few days in the Assembly, resigns it, and goes to his secular business.

But 2dly, if it should be determined that the constitution permits these changes in some instances, the committee are constrained to believe that the practice is, on the whole, entirely inexpedient.

1. Because it creates dissatisfaction among many brethren, as well those who have complained of it, as others who have held their peace.

2. It gives an invidious advantage to the neighbouring Presbyteries over those which are remote.

3. It may be the occasion of a number of abuses, against which the Assembly ought to guard, but which the committee do not think it needful to specify.

4. But chiefly, it often embarrasses and retards the proceedings of the Assembly, because members of committees resign to alternates before the committees to which they belong have finished their business, or received a discharge from the house; because new members coming into the Assembly in the midst of business often cannot possibly understand it sufficiently to decide on it wisely, and because speeches made in relation to matters imperfectly understood often shed darkness, and throw perplexity on them, and thus very much time is wasted in discussions which profit nothing.

Finally, the practice is thought to be derogatory to the dignity and usefulness of the General Assembly. For these reasons the committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That in the judgment of this General Assembly, the construction of the Constitution, Form of Government, chapter xxii. section 1, which allows commissioners, after holding their seats for a time, to resign them to their alternates, or which allows alternates to sit for a while, and then resign their places to their principals, is erroneous; that the practice growing out of this construction is inexpedient, and that it ought to be discontinued.

The above report was accepted, and the resolution with which it closes was adopted.

The committee appointed to draw up the narrative on the state of religion made their report, which was read and accepted.

Resolved, That it be re-committed to the same committee, with the addition of Mr. Bush, Dr. Spring, and Mr. Linn, and that said committee having availed themselves of any suggestions which may be made to them, have 1500 copies printed and distributed among the members.

The Assembly took up the complaint against the Synod of Virginia by the Rev. Samuel Houston, and Rev. Samuel B. Wilson, reported by the Judicial committee. The complainants did not appear, but a written communication, containing the reasons of their complaint, was laid before the Assembly. At the request of the complainants, Mr. Weed was appointed to manage their cause in their absence. The documents were read, when the further consideration of the complaint was postponed until Tuesday morning.

A nomination was made for directors of the Western Theological Seminary.

Resolved, That the election be made the order of the day for Monday morning.

Mr. Wisner, Mr. Aylesworth, and Mr. Reed had leave of absence from the remaining sessions of the Assembly.

The Judicial committee reported an appeal by Mr. James Taylor, from a decision of the Synod of Pittsburgh, and that the communication of Mr. Taylor gave information that by reason of ill health he was unable to attend to prosecute his appeal before the present Assembly.

Resolved, That Mr. Taylor have leave to prosecute his appeal before the next General Assembly.

The Judicial committee also reported a complaint by Mr. David M'Clure, against the Presbytery of Philadelphia, in relation to the mode in which certain ruling elders had lately been elected in the Second Presbyterian Church of Philadelphia.

The complaint, with the reasons of it, the minutes of Session, and the minutes of Presbytery were read. The complainant was then heard in support of his complaint, and the Session was heard in support of the course complained of, and Mr. M'Clure in reply.

Mr. Leyburn and Mr. Strong obtained leave of absence.

Adjourned till Monday morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

May 28, 9 *o'clock, A. M.*

The Assembly met, and was constituted with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

Mr. Samuel Thompson, a ruling elder, from the Presbytery of Ohio, appeared in the Assembly, and his commission being read, took his seat as a member.

Mr. Barnes obtained leave to resign his seat to Dr. M'Dowell, the alternate mentioned in their commission.

A letter was received from the Secretary of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, presenting 150 copies of their last report, and several previous reports and missionary papers. These reports, &c., were ordered to be distributed among the members.

The consideration of the complaint of Mr. M'Clure was resumed. The Presbytery of Philadelphia were heard in support of their decision complained of. The parties then withdrew, after which the roll was called, to give each member an opportunity to express his opinion. The Assembly having made some progress in this business, resolved to suspend it for the present, to take up the order of the day, viz: the election of Directors for the Western Theological Seminary.

The ballots were received, and committed to Mr. Harned, Mr. Steel, and Mr. Morrow, to count them, and report the result.

The subject of the complaint of Mr. M'Clure was resumed. The further calling of the roll for an expression of opinion was arrested, and a resolution was introduced, which, after some discussion, was committed to Dr. Fisk, Mr. Armstrong, Mr. Weed, Mr. Speer, Mr. Wilbur, Mr. Kelley, and Mr. Bayard.

Resolved, That the Assembly will proceed to-morrow afternoon to elect a professor of Theology for the Western Theological Seminary. The Assembly then had a season of special prayer for divine direction in this important choice.

Mr. Crawford and Mr. Clisby had leave of absence from the remaining sessions of the Assembly.

The committee on overture No. 9, viz:—

A communication from the American Society for the promotion of Temperance made a report, which was accepted and laid on the table.

Resolved, That agreeably to a recommendation of the committee in their report, the agent of that Society be heard before the Assembly this afternoon at 5 o'clock.

Mr. Hay had leave of absence from the remaining sessions of the Assembly, and the Rev. Allan D. Campbell was appointed temporary clerk in his room.

Reports were called for from the agents appointed by the last Assembly to solicit donations for the Theological Seminary at Princeton, when the following report was received from the Rev. Joshua T. Russell, viz:—

That he had attended to his agency in the city of New York, and had collected for the Synodical Professorship something on subscriptions of the preceding year, and that he had recently obtained, besides some smaller donations, twenty subscriptions of $200 each, payable in one and two years. These twenty subscribers the agent reported as belonging to the following congregations, viz:

Cedar Street,	11
Wall Street,	3
Bleeker Street,	2
Rutgers Street,	1
Murray Street,	1
Pearl Street,	1
Brooklyn,	1
	20

Adjourned till 4 o'clock this afternoon. Concluded with prayer.

4 *o'clock, P. M.*

The Assembly met, and was constituted with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The committee to which was referred the report of the Directors of the Theological Seminary at Princeton, and the report of the Trustees of said Seminary, reported the following resolutions, which were adopted, viz:

1. That the sum of $5050 be placed at the disposal of the Board of Trustees of said Seminary, for the payment of Professors' salaries.

2. That the Rev. John M'Dowell, D. D., the Rev. Henry R. Weed, the Rev. Samuel S. Davies, and the Rev. Joshua T. Russell, be and they hereby are appointed general agents to solicit funds for said Seminary.

The committee to whom was referred the report of the Presbytery of Hanover, respecting the Theological Seminary under their care, made the following report, which was adopted, viz:

From the communication of the Presbytery of Hanover it appears, that the arrangements proposed by the General Assembly of the last year, respecting the Theological Seminary under the care of said Presbytery, have been ratified on their part.

It likewise appears, that for the purpose of enlarging the foundation, and extending the usefulness of the Seminary, the Presbytery of Hanover have made proposals to the Synods of Virginia and North Carolina to take the institution under their immediate care and joint direction; which proposals have been adopted by the said Synods respectively; and a plan of government for the Seminary arranged on principles agreed on by the contracting parties.

In view of the whole subject your committee would respectfully recommend to the Assembly the adoption of the following resolutions, viz:—*Resolved*,

1. That the General Assembly approve and ratify the arrangements which have been made for placing the Theological Seminary heretofore confided to the care of the Presbytery of Hanover, under the immediate care and joint direction of the Synods of Virginia and North Carolina.

2. That the Assembly will sustain the same relation to the Seminary, and exercise the same species of control over it, under the recent arrangements, as they proposed to do by their act of the last year, in its state as then existing.

3. That, hereafter, the Seminary shall be denominated, *The Union Seminary*

of the General Assembly, under the care of the Synods of Virginia and North Carolina.

4. That the General Assembly cordially recommend the high interests of this rising Seminary to the active patronage and support of the churches at large, and especially of the churches within the bounds of the Synods which have it under their management and care.

5. That the General Assembly request their Board of Trustees to consider and determine on the expediency, under existing circumstances, of continuing the permanent funds of the Seminary, either in whole or in part, within the state in which they have been raised, in such manner as may be deemed safe and proper.

The committee appointed to draught a memorial to the General Associations of Massachusetts and New Hampshire, and the General Convention of Vermont, in regard to some changes which the Assembly have deemed necessary to be made in the plan of correspondence and intercourse between the said ecclesiastical bodies and the Assembly, reported the following memorial in the form of an address to the aforesaid ecclesiastical bodies, which was adopted and ordered to be signed by the Moderator, viz.

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, to the General Associations of Massachusetts and New Hampshire, and the General Convention of Vermont.

Christian brethren, beloved in the Lord.

It appears that in the plan of intercourse between the Congregational Churches of New England, and the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, an article was adopted, which is now believed to be inconsistent with a sound construction of the Constitution of the latter church. This article, it is due to truth and candour to remark, was proposed by the Presbyterian Church, without any overture from the Congregational Churches, and in regard to which, they did nothing more than accede to the proposition submitted to them. The article to which we allude, relates to the powers granted to the delegates of the Corresponding Churches, to *vote* as well as to *deliberate* on the various subjects that may come before the representatives of these churches respectively. The right of voting in the General Assembly, cannot, it is believed, be constitutionally granted to any, but to the Commissioners appointed by the Presbyteries, whose representatives compose that Assembly.

We have therefore respectfully to request, that the plan of intercourse between you and us may be so modified, as that the delegates to each body may hereafter be empowered to sit and deliberate only, but not to vote. It is believed, that the modification here contemplated, if it shall be consented to on your part, will not only place the Assembly on constitutional ground; but by placing your Association on the same footing with other religious communities, with which we hold a friendly correspondence, will destroy the appearance of an invidious distinction which now exists; and thus be calculated to promote extensively that mutual friendship and harmony, which it is desirable to maintain and perpetuate, among all who love the truth as it is in Jesus.

With Christian salutations,

Signed in behalf of the General Assembly,

FRANCIS HERRON, *Moderator.*

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk furnish the delegates to the several bodies addressed in the preceding memorial, with a copy of the same, signed by the Moderator.

The committee appointed to examine the Records of the Synod of New York, reported, and the Records were approved.

The committee to whom were referred the Synodical and Presbyterial reports,

made a report, which was accepted, and referred to the Stated Clerk, to assist him in making out the Statistical report to be published.

The Rev. Nathaniel Hewit, agent of the American Society for the promotion of temperance, addressed the Assembly.

The report of the committee on the communication from the American Society for the promotion of temperance, was taken up and adopted, and is as follows, viz.

It is unnecessary to adduce evidence of the increasing prevalence of intemperance in our beloved country, to convince this Assembly that vigorous and united efforts ought immediately to be made, to restrain and prevent this most ruinous of all vices. For several years past, this subject has occupied the attention of our Presbyteries and Synods, as well as that of the religious bodies with which we are connected. Patriotic and philanthropic men also, without distinction of sect or party, have long ago observed the growing ravages of this national evil, and anxiously inquired what can be done to check and suppress it.

Your committee, therefore, are persuaded, that the Presbyterian Church in the United States will, with all readiness of mind, co-operate with their Christian brethren of every denomination, together with every other friend of our country and of humanity, in one great national effort to accomplish a universal change in the habits and customs of our country, relative to the intemperate use of intoxicating liquors.

A national Society of this character was formed in Boston, a year ago last February, under the name of "the American Society for the promotion of Temperance." Its members are elected from the Northern and Middle States; and as soon as practicable, many others will be added from every section of the land, without distinction of religious denomination or political party.

Having carefully examined the Constitution of this Society, and having also heard a more particular exposition of its principles, plans, and prospects from the agent, who is now in this city, your committee are prepared, earnestly to recommend it to the prayers and support of our brethren.

For this purpose, we submit, for the consideration of this Assembly, the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That this Assembly approve the object of the American Society for the promotion of temperance.

2. *Resolved*, That it be earnestly recommended to the Presbyteries and congregations under our care to co-operate with the friends of this society in extending its principles throughout our country.

The committee appointed to count the ballots for Directors of the Western Theological Seminary made a report, from which it appeared that the following ministers and elders were elected, viz.

For three years.

Ministers— Francis Herron, D. D., Obadiah Jennings, Matthew Brown, D. D., Samuel Ralston, D. D., Ashbel Green, D. D., Elisha P. Swift, Elisha M'Curdy.

Elders—Matthew B. Lowrie, John Hannen, John M. Snowden.

For two years.

Ministers—William Speer, Thomas Barr, William Jeffries, Robert M. Laird, Robert Johnson, Thomas E. Hughes, Charles C. Beatty.

Elders—Samuel Thompson, George Plummer, Benjamin Williams.

For one year.

Ministers—Joseph Stockton, Joseph Treat, Randolph Stone, Andrew Wylie, D. D., Thomas Baird, James Graham, Francis M'Farland.

Elders—Aaron Kerr, Reddick M'Kee, Thomas Henry.

The committee to whom were referred the reports of Presbyteries on the proposed alterations in the Confession of Faith and Form of Government, reported the result of these reports. Their report was accepted, and committed to Dr. Fisk, Mr. Elliott, Mr. Breckinridge, Mr. Wilkins, and Mr. Maxwell, to consider and report to the Assembly what ought to be done in consequence of this result.

The committee to whom was referred the report of the Board of Missions made a report, which was accepted and laid on the table.

Mr. J. Monteith, Mr. Eddy, Mr. Coe, Mr. Adams, Mr. Wing, and Mr. Corning, had leave of absence from the remaining sessions of the Assembly.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

May 29, 9 *o'clock, A. M.*

The Assembly met, and was constituted with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

Mr. Gibson, Mr. Thompson, and Mr. Painter, had leave of absence from the remaining sessions of the Assembly.

The following extract from the minutes of the Presbytery of Philadelphia was laid before the Assembly, viz:

"*Whereas*, Mr. James F. Irvine, a licentiate of the Presbytery of Route, in Ireland, has undergone all the trials prescribed by the rules relating to the reception of foreign ministers and licentiates, and adopted the Confession of Faith and the Form of Government of the Presbyterian Church; and whereas he has been under the inspection of this Presbytery for more than two years, and the Presbytery are satisfied with his conduct during his probation: therefore resolved, that they will, with the permission of the General Assembly, receive him as a regular licentiate under their care; and that his papers be laid before the General Assembly for their inspection and approbation."

The above extract, with the papers of Mr. Irvine, were committed to Mr. Culbertson, Mr. Bush, and Mr. Graham.

The committee on psalmody reported that they have made considerable progress in the business referred to them, and hope to present a definite and detailed report to the next General Assembly. The committee were continued.

Whereas, The chairman of the committee has expended for books for the use of the committee the sum of $15—*Resolved*, That the Trustees of the General Assembly give a warrant on the Treasurer for the payment of the same.

The committee to whom was referred the resolution offered in relation to the complaint of Mr. M'Clure, made a report, which, after considerable discussion, was postponed for the introduction of a substitute, which, after being read and amended, was adopted, and is as follows, viz:—

Resolved, That the decision of the Presbytery of Philadelphia in relation to the election and ordination of elders in the Second Church in Philadelphia, complained of by Mr. David M'Clure, be affirmed.

And while the Assembly would recognize the undoubted right of each congregation to elect their elders in the mode most approved and in use among them, they would recommend that in all cases where any dissatisfaction appears to exist, the congregation be promptly convened to decide on their future mode of election. And they are inclined to believe that the spirit of our constitution would be most fully sustained, by having in all cases a direct vote of the congregation in the appointment of their elders.

Mr. Pratt had leave of absence from the remaining sessions of the Assembly.

Adjourned till 4 o'clock, P. M. Concluded with prayer.

4 o'clock, P. M.

The Assembly met, and was constituted with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The Assembly proceeded agreeably to the order of the day to elect a Professor of Theology for the Western Theological Seminary. The ballots were taken, and committed to Mr. Linn, Mr. Baker, and Mr. Seward, to count them, and report the result to the Assembly.

The Assembly took up the report of the committee to which was referred the report of the Board of Missions, and discussed it at considerable length.

Mr. Kirkpatrick had leave of absence from the remaining sessions of the Assembly.

The committee appointed to count the votes for a Professor of Theology in the Western Theological Seminary made a report, from which it appeared that the Rev. Jacob J. Janeway, D. D., was elected to this office.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning at half-past 8 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

May 30, half-past 8 o'clock, A. M.

The Assembly met, and was constituted with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

Mr. Speer and Mr. Culbertson were appointed a committee to wait on Dr. Janeway, the Professor elected yesterday, and inform him of his election.

The committee to which was referred the case of Mr. James F. Irvine, a licentiate from Ireland, and at present under the inspection of the Presbytery of Philadelphia, reported,

1. That they have examined the documents committed to them relating to the character and standing of Mr. Irvine, and find them entirely satisfactory, and

2. That they have examined the proceedings of the Presbytery of Philadelphia, and find them regular.

Your committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That Mr. James F. Irvine be, and he hereby is, received into connection with the Presbyterian Church in the United States.

The report of the committee was accepted, and the resolution recommended by them was adopted.

Resolved, That instead of reading the minutes at the close of the session of this Assembly, they be committed to a committee of two for revision.

Dr. Dana and Dr. Wiley were appointed this committee.

The Assembly resumed the consideration of the report of the committee on the report of the Board of Missions.

After some discussion, the Assembly engaged in prayer for divine direction in relation to this report.

The Assembly resumed the consideration of the report; which, after having been read by paragraphs, and amended, was adopted, and is as follows, viz:

1. That the report of the Board of Missions be approved.

2. That the following items require the consideration of the Assembly, viz. the diminution of congregational collections; the enlarged operations of the Board, and the questions forwarded to the Assembly by the Presbytery of New York.

On the above items, your committee submit the following resolutions, viz.

1. *Resolved*, That it be recommended, and it is hereby earnestly recommended to all the churches under our care, to take up and forward one annual missionary collection for this purpose, and that Presbyteries take order on the subject.

2. That Synods and Presbyteries be required to report annually to the General Assembly, what they have done on this subject.

3. That the Board of Missions, in addition to the powers already granted to them, be authorized to manage, appoint, and direct the whole concerns and business of the Assembly's missions definitively, and report annually their doings to the Assembly.

4. That the Board be authorized to appoint, if they think proper, an executive committee of their own number to carry into effect the details of their plan; and that they also be authorized to appoint and employ an agent or agents at their discretion.

5. That with reference to the question sent to the Assembly by the Presbytery of New York, it appears from examination, that a part of what is called the permanent fund of the Assembly, has arisen from legacies; and the remainder from donations received by agents appointed by the General Assembly to solicit contributions: which donations, as appears from the early minutes of the Assembly, and from information given by some of the fathers, who acted as agents in collecting this fund, were given for the purpose of establishing a permanent fund, the interest of which only was to be used.

The committee appointed to examine the Records of the Synod of Virginia, reported, and the records were approved.

The committee appointed to wait on Dr. Janeway and inform him of his election as professor of Theology in the Western Theological Seminary, reported that they had performed the duty assigned them; and that Dr. Janeway informed them he would take the matter into serious consideration, and requested the prayers of the Assembly that he might have divine direction to come to a right conclusion.

Resolved, That this request be particularly attended to in the prayer at the adjournment this morning.

Mr. Hamner, Mr. Weatherby, Mr. Slaymaker, and Mr. Waterbury, had leave of absence from the remaining sessions of the Assembly.

The complaint against the Synod of Virginia, by the Rev. Samuel Houston, and Rev. Samuel B. Wilson, was taken up. Mr. Weed as counsel for the complainants was heard in support of the complaint.

Adjourned till this afternoon at half-past 3 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Half-past 3 *o'clock, P. M.*

The Assembly met, and was constituted with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The consideration of the complaint of Mr. Houston and Mr. Wilson was resumed. The Synod of Virginia was heard in defence of their proceedings; and Mr. Weed in reply. After which the vote was taken; when it was resolved, that the complaint of Mr. Houston and Mr. Wilson be, and it is hereby dismissed.

The committee appointed to draught a pastoral letter, reported one, which was adopted, and ordered to be signed by the moderator, and committed to Dr. Rice and the Stated Clerk to have the same published, and sent to the churches.

The same committee also recommended that the General Assembly should set apart the *second Thursday in November next* as a day of thanksgiving, humiliation, and prayer, to be observed in all our churches. The above recommendation was adopted by the Assembly; and all the churches under the care of this Assembly are hereby earnestly requested to sanctify said day unto the Lord.

The committee to whom was referred the report of the committee on the returns of the Presbyteries, in relation to the proposed alterations and amendments of the constitution, that they might report what ought to be done in consequence of the state of these returns, made the following report, viz: That there are

connected with the Assembly, eighty-eight Presbyteries; forty-five, therefore, are necessary to make any alteration in the constitution of the church.

In regard to the proposed erasure of the 4th Section of the 24th Chapter of the Confession of Faith, sixty-eight Presbyteries have reported; fifty of them against the erasure, and eighteen in favour of it. The section, therefore, is not to be erased.

In relation to No. 7 of the proposed amendments to the Form of Government, it appears that *fifty-three* Presbyteries have voted in favour of the alteration, and *thirteen* against it. Wherefore, resolved, that the proposed amendment, viz: That in the Form of Government, Chap xii. Sect. 7 the words "*publicly read*" should be exchanged for the word "*examined*," be, and the same is hereby adopted as a part of the constitution of this church.

In relation to No. 8, *thirty* Presbyteries have voted in favour of it, and *thirty-seven* against it. This amendment, therefore, cannot be adopted, a majority of the Presbyteries not having approved of it.

In relation to the first six of the proposed amendments to the Form of Government, the committee made the following report, which was adopted, viz:—

That, on examining the proposed amendments of the Constitution, sent down to the Presbyteries by the last General Assembly, as they stand on the printed minutes, page 37, it appears, that the whole of them, from Nos. 1 to 6, inclusive, were framed with such reference to each other, and to their common object, as that they ought to have been either adopted or rejected altogether; and further, that the Presbyteries by rejecting the *sixth* have in effect defeated the very end which they must have intended to secure by the adoption of the rest; and have otherwise involved the whole subject in difficulties, which, from the peculiar nature of the case, it is but fair and reasonable to suppose they could not have distinctly designed or foreseen. In this state of things your committee beg leave to submit the following resolution, as in their judgment proper to be adopted by the General Assembly, viz:—

Whereas, The Presbyteries have failed to report their decisions upon the subject of the proposed amendments, Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, as recorded in page 37 of the printed minutes of the Assembly of last year, in the full and distinct manner contemplated in the overture submitted by that Assembly, the General Assembly do not deem it desirable to renew the said overture at the present time:—Therefore, *Resolved*, That the consideration of the said proposed amendment be and the same is hereby indefinitely postponed.

The committee appointed by the General Assembly to act with a committee of the Trustees of New Jersey College to dispose of certain moneys in the hands of said Trustees, and to inquire into the tenure by which the General Assembly hold said funds, made the following report, which was adopted, viz:—

That they met a committee appointed by said Board of Trustees, and that on investigation it appeared, that in the year 1755 there was placed in the hands of the Board of Trust of said College *five hundred pounds*, which had been collected in Great Britain by Messrs. Tennent and Davies for the education of pious youth, which sum, probably owing to the depreciation of money during the revolutionary war, is now equal to $406 19. And that in 1756, the same Board received through Messrs. Tennent and Burr, from an unknown person in Scotland, £337 15*s*. for the education of an Indian Missionary, &c. &c.; and that owing to a like depreciation, the sum is now equal to $272:—that the present amount of the above mentioned sums is $678 19—for which the Board of Trustees have paid since the year 1775 five per cent. interest. The appropriation or right of nominating the person or persons to whose use the interest of the above sum was to be applied, was vested originally in the Synod of New York, and the Synod of New York and Philadelphia. But at present, as your committee suppose, this right belongs to the General Assembly as successors of those bodies.

They further report, that on inquiry they find that the above mentioned sum of $678 19 is not and cannot be distinguished in the Treasurer's accounts of said Trustees from other charitable funds under the control of said Board; but forms with them one common principal, the interest of which is applied to the support of indigent young men, while receiving their education in said College.

From the above considerations it does not appear that a joint committee should be annually appointed to appropriate the interest, amounting to $32 91, to any particular person, inasmuch as the same amount is deducted from the sum which would otherwise be allowed such a person by the Board of Trustees.

Your committee would therefore recommend the adoption of the following, viz:—

Resolved, That the appropriation of the annual interest arising from moneys in the hands of the Board of Trustees of New Jersey College, subject to the direction of the General Assembly, be and it hereby is for the present entrusted to said Board.

The committee appointed to examine the Records of the Synod of Tennessee reported, and the records were approved, with the exception of a proposal to establish a plan of intercourse between said Synod and the Cumberland Presbyterians; of which proposal the Assembly disapprove, on the ground that it belongs to the Assembly to correspond with foreign churches on such terms as may be agreed upon by the Assembly and the corresponding body.

The Board of Education presented their report, which was read and accepted.

The following persons, whose term of office had expired, were re-elected members of the Board of Education for four years, viz:—

Ministers—Rev. Samuel Blatchford, D. D., Ezra Stiles Ely, D. D., Charles Coffin, D. D., Joseph Caldwell, D. D., James Blythe, D. D.

Elders—Mr. James Wardlaw, John M'Mullin, Andrew M'Calla, and William Maxwell, Esq.

Resolved, That the Assembly enjoin on all the Presbyteries under their care, and it is hereby enjoined on all the said Presbyteries, to be particularly careful to send up in due season accurate statements to the Board of Education of the amount of the funds which they have raised within the year, for the important purpose of education, and also the number of beneficiaries to whom they afford aid. And likewise, that wherever Presbyteries have surplussages of funds, not needed for the support of the beneficiaries, whose education they are actually superintending, they carefully and speedily forward such surplussages to the Treasurer of the Board of Education, John Stille, Esq., of Philadelphia.

The Rev. James Blythe, D. D., of Lexington, Kentucky, was appointed a member of the standing committee, to certify the good qualifications of preachers travelling from the bounds of the Presbyterian Church, in the room of the Rev. John Brickenridge, who has removed out of the bounds of the Synod of Kentucky.

The Permanent Clerk was ordered to settle the account for stationery, and the Janitor's bill, by a draft on the Treasurer of the Trustees of the Assembly.

The committee appointed to revise the minutes made a report, which was adopted.

The Assembly having completed its business, the roll was called agreeably to a standing rule, and it was found that the following members had left the Assembly without leave, viz:—Mr. Gray and Mr. Kennedy, of the Presbytery of Newton, and Mr. Danforth, of the Presbytery of New Castle.

Resolved, That this Assembly be dissolved, and that another Assembly, chosen in the same manner, be required to meet in the First Presbyterian Church, in this city, on the third Thursday in May, 1828, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

Concluded with prayer, singing, and the apostolic benediction.

STATISTICAL REPORT.

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, on the first of June, A. D. 1827, had under its care sixteen Synods, viz.

I. The Synod of Albany, containing the Presbyteries of 1. Londonderry, 2. Newburyport, 3. Champlain, 4. St. Lawrence, 5. Ogdensburgh, 6. Oswego, 7. Oneida, 8. Otsego, 9, Albany, 10. Troy, 11. Columbia.

II. The Synod of New York, containing the Presbyteries of 1. Hudson, 2. North River, 3. Long Island, 4. New York, 5. New York Second.

III. The Synod of New Jersey, containing the Presbyteries of 1. Newark, 2. Elizabethtown, 3. New Brunswick, 4. Newton, 5. Susquehanna.

IV. The Synod of Geneva, containing the Presbyteries of 1. Chenango, 2. Cortland, 3. Onondago, 4. Cayuga, 5. Geneva, 6. Bath.

V. The Synod of Genessee, containing the Presbyteries of 1. Ontario, 2. Rochester, 3. Genessee, 4. Niagara, 5. Buffalo.

VI. The Synod of Philadelphia, containing the Presbyteries of 1. Philadelphia, 2. New Castle, 3. Lewes, 4. Baltimore, 5. The District of Columbia, 6. Carlisle, 7. Huntingdon, 8. Northumberland.

VII. The Synod of Pittsburgh, containing the Presbyteries of 1. Allegheny, 2. Erie, 3. Hartford, 4. Redstone, 5. Steubenville, 6. Washington, 7. Ohio.

VIII. The Synod of the Western Reserve, containing the Presbyteries of 1. Detroit, 2. Grand River, 3. Portage, 4. Huron.

IX. The Synod of Ohio, containing the Presbyteries of 1. Columbus, 2. Richland, 3. Chillicothe, 4. Lancaster, 5. Athens, 6. Miama, 7. Cincinnati.

X. The Synod of Indiana, containing the Presbyteries of 1. Salem, 2. Madison, 3. Wabash, 4. Missouri.

XI. The Synod of Kentucky, containing the Presbyteries of 1. Louisville, 2. Muhlenberg, 3. Transylvania, 4. West Lexington, 5. Ebenezer.

XII. The Synod of Virginia, containing the Presbyteries of 1. Winchester, 2. Hanover, 3. Lexington.

XIII. The Synod of North Carolina, containing the Presbyteries of 1. Orange, 2. Fayetteville, 3. Concord, 4. Mecklenburg, 5. Bethel.

XIV. The Synod of Tennessee, containing the Presbyteries of 1. Abingdon, 2. Union, 3. Holston, 4. French Broad.

XV. The Synod of West Tennessee, containing the Presbyteries of 1. West Tennessee, 2. Shiloh, 3. Mississippi, 4. North Alabama.

XVI. The Synod of South Carolina and Georgia, containing the Presbyteries of 1. South Carolina, 2. Hopewell, 3. Charleston Union, 4. Harmony, 5. Georgia, 6. South Alabama.

When the reports of the present year have not given the communicants in any church, I have inserted the number reported to the Synod to which that church belongs, at the last meeting; or in case of no report last fall to Synod, the last number reported to the Assembly. In some few instances this may produce a trifling inaccuracy; but it is fairly presumable, that the number of communicants is not, on an average, less than it was in 1826.

Fractions of cents have been omitted in the following accounts.

The number of Presbyteries enumerated is 89; of ministers of the gospel, 1214; of Licentiates, 218; of Candidates for the gospel ministry, 229; of Churches, 1887; of additions to the full communion of the church during the last year, 12,938; of persons now in the full communion, 135,285; of adults baptized during the last year, 2965; and of infants baptized in the same time, 10,229; making a total of 13,194 cases of baptism.

The funds reported, as collected during the year, are, for missionary purposes, $11,053 46; for defraying the travelling expenses of commissioners to the General Assembly, $2,947 63; for the contingent expenses of Presbyteries, $461 69; for Theological Seminaries, $6,263 84; and for the education of poor and pious youth, with a view to the gospel ministry, $11,869 92.

Our increase of ordained ministers, since the last year, has been 87, notwithstanding our loss of 17 by death. In the same time our increase of Licentiates has been 31; of Candidates, 25; of Churches reported, 68; of persons now in the full communion of the Presbyterian Church, 7793; and of baptisms, 344. The number added to the full communion of the Church, in 1826, was 12,171; and the *increase*, in the additions of this year, is 767.

The Vacant Churches, under the care of the General Assembly, exclusive of those which have stated supplies, at present amount to 700. Most of these are unable singly to support a pastor; but, by being united, two or three of them under one pastoral charge, might do it, could the requisite number of faithful and able ministers be found.

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Londonderry	15	7		10	134	1019	34	86	120	$11 67	$12 50			
Newburyp'rt	11			5		433				19 65	20 34			
Champlain	12			12	67	684	11	52	63		28 87			
St. Lawrence	21		3	25	96	1151	17	92	109	469 61	37 67			$21 00
Ogdensburg	12			9	117	794	49	50	90		9 00			
Oswego	9			18	255	1156	68	137	205	81 42	18 45		$18 00	54 20
Oneida	37	5	7	31	1241	3903	492	296	788	1295 83	100 00			814 11
Otsego	8	1	3	12	35	1043	9	42	51	3 40	24 80		10 50	
Albany	32	7	27	30	238	5096	28	308	336	81 94	122 50		50 75	110 74
Troy	14	2	4	23		2220								
Columbia	19	5	2	10	55	1208	20	75	95		44 00			
Hudson	20	2	6	25	178	2447	86	107	193	23 23	23 63			45 44
North River	15	2	2	22	83	1892	17	67	84	42 00	40 50			22 50
Long Island	14	3	1	15	26	1050	14	41	55	82 28	19 88			30 00
New York	39	6	10	24	762	5549	90	392	482	90 12	177 10		2580 75	223 75
New York 2d	11	9	3	5	68	1034	3	50	53	766 00	15 00	$30 00	33 00	109 25
Newark	19	8	3	19	277	3850	55	297	352	19 92	78 03			144 98
Elizabetht'n	16	8	3	17	286	3715	35	132	167	42 65	39 65			94 20
N. Brunsw'k	22	15	5	18	229	1961	72	166	238	65 09	48 52		2 50	73 58
Newton	17			31	170	3131	40	211	251	65 29	32 36	3 50	2 00	84 75
Susquehana	16	2	3	28	183	1213	41	72	113	15 62	19 24			21 54
Chenango	11			7	60	550	7	51	53		11 00			
Cortland	11			14	120	1327	20	86	106		17 28			
Onondaga	16	1		21	103	1524	34	98	132		24 81			
Cayuga	36	7	15	42	658	2911	196	185	381	922 89	35 02			295 25
Geneva	28	1		29	316	2952	70	280	350	76 37				
Bath	10	2		24	155	1094	36	105	141		12 82			
Ontario	11	1	1	17	64	915	7	56	63	422 29	24 49		49 00	197 99
Rochester	13	3		16	174	1014	15	98	113	1212 93	57 70			
Genessee	14	1	1	24	107	755	10	97	107		15 12		3 12	
Niagara	8	3		13	28	340	3	44	47					
Buffalo	14	1		28	97	871	22	55	77	40 00	13 75			90 00
Philadelphia	36	8	16	46	471	6189	112	451	563	575 08	67 12	45 71	2547 50	408 37
New Castle	21	8	11	35	139	3444	13	209	222	114 40	62 50			302 72
Lewes	6			18	22	700		63	63					
Baltimore	10	5	3	7	114	790	10	108	118		13 50	10 00	30 00	40 00
Dis. Columb.	11	4	1	9	52	676	4	76	80	33 38		41 00		60 99
Carlisle	26	4	7	41	248	3807	53	340	393	79 44	68 62			44 04
Huntingdon	12	2	2	31	158	2292	25	251	276	71 90	43 00			
Northumb'd	9	1	4	19	73	2102	14	141	155	342 50	35 00			35 00
Allegheny	10			27	124	1421	21	167	188	11 00	33 94			32 21
Erie	12		1	27	150	1292	36	124	160	22 67	37 99	2 00		23 79
Hartford	12		2	28	163	2134	13	230	243	162 06	35 71			
Redstone	22	1		44	391	4013	58	395	453	101 81	76 56			91 29
Steubenville	11		1	24	180	1099	23	166	189	58 50	14 60			28 05
Washington	11	4	4	16	109	2306	10	116	126	788 88	7 44			49 00
Ohio	19	2	4	22	238	2247	24	196	220	279 36	41 41			472 47
Detroit	5			5										
Grand River	15	3		36	47	1517	115	11	126	114 60	12 30			45 00
Portage	10	1		20	24	821	4	94	98	225 49	15 85			22 40
Huron	10	2		33	30	681	2	57	59	39 40	21 71			
Columbus	8			20	74	837	5	67	72	48 50	11 00	50		7 00
Richland	10	1		33	216	1396	25	195	225	18 00	42 20			
Chillicothe	12		1	24	162	1672	19	166	185	362 34	67 50	12 28	18 74	114 70
Lancaster	10	1		32	75	1276	9	123	132	50 63	55 89	5 00		11 62
Athens	5			8	28	408	11	57	68	47 33	9 18			
Miami	7	2	3	23	38	868	2	58	60	46 12	50 16			117 25
Cincinnati	12	4	3	24	73	1182	6	90	96	70 43	155 81	16 37		7 00
Salem	5			11	72	511	9	45	54	65 83	17 95	7 50		
Madison	7			14	58	564	6	70	76	23 39	19 18	5 00		16 25
Wabash	5			19	63	277	6	62	68	10 00	5 00	5 50		
Missouri	5			16	38	487	6	65	71					
Louisville	10			14	42	603	10	12	22		30 00			
Muhlenberg	7	1	5	29	23	293	5	14	19	48 00	13 16			1500 00
Transylva'ia	10	1	3	16	229	880	87	56	143	40 00	5 00	42 42		457 00
W. Lexington	8		2	10	62	510	13	35	48		87 50			
Ebenezer	8	1		17	58	982	10	86	96	129 98	75 00			
Winchester	13	4	2	20	76	870	9	58	67	144 74	5 00	36 54		185 19
Hanover	26	8	8	33	196	1667	33	141	174	289 57	122 00		143 98	715 93
Lexington	23	3	5	37	148	3054	14	196	217	145 50	124 50			208 50
Orange	19	2	5	30	70	1290	14	62	76		160 45			149 95
Fayetteville	10	4	4	39	112	1933	5	115	120	80 00	50 00	1 50	8 50	
Concord	9	2	1	28	58	1184	9	89	98		18 00			
Mecklenburg	7		1	15	104	1045	9	161	170			6 00		
Bethel	8	3		22	79	1656	22	195	217	58 25		9 00		
Abingdon	7	6	3	10	159	797	50	61	111	30 00	9 00			
Union	14	5	6	26	265	1833	79	206	285			30 00		1478 55
Holston	7	6	8	14	346	1804	145	97	242	80 00				5 00
FrenchBroad	6	3		9		798						11 25		

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W. Tennessee	14	3	1	22	144	1374	30	86	116	$146 43				$66 50
Shiloh	11	1	5	19	106	649	24	83	107	24 00		$11 00	$133 50	72 37
Mississippi	12			13	45	387	5	42	47	71 75	$54 87	48 87		95 00
N. Alabama	10		1	14	43	402	13	41	54	112 00			600 00	75 50
S. Carolina	15	5	2	35	96	1893	18	142	160			80 75		
Hopewell	14	4	4	33	330	1126	81	134	215					
Char. Union	12			4	46	397	25	10	35					
Harmony	11			12	21	716		42	42		48 00		25 00	
Georgia	7		1	3	35	186	9	17	26	40 00				2500 00
S. Alabama	11	1	1	20	32	495	4	27	31					
Total 89	1214	218	229	1887	12938	135285	2965	10229	13194	$11053 46	$2947 63	$461 69	$6263 84	$11869 92

The following Ministers have died within the last year.

Rev. Abner Towne, James Southworth, of the Presbytery of Oneida; Cyrus Downs, Otsego; Samuel P. Williams, Newburyport; Elkana K. Dare, New Castle; William Arthur, Lancaster; Matthew Lyle, Hanover; Angus Diarmed, Fayetteville; Amzi Armstrong, D. D., Newark; Lyman Whitney, West Lexington; Samuel Davies Hoge, Athens; James Adams, Richland; Stephen Kinsley, Champlain; David Phillips, Muhlenberg; Samuel C. Caldwell, Mecklenburgh; James Hall, D. D., Wm. F. Watts, Concord; William Wilson, Harmony.

1828.

PHILADELPHIA, May 15, 1828.

THE General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America met, agreeably to appointment, in the First Presbyterian Church in the city of Philadelphia, May 15th, 1828, at 11 o'clock, A. M., and was opened by the Rev. Francis Herron, D. D., the Moderator of the last Assembly, with a sermon from 1 Timothy iv. 16: "Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee."

After prayer the permanent and stated clerks were appointed a committee of commissions.

The commissions were then called for, and delivered to the committee of commissions.

The Assembly then had a recess until 5 o'clock this afternoon.

5 o'clock, P. M.

The Assembly met.

The committee of commissions reported that the following persons have been duly appointed Commissioners to this General Assembly, viz:—

PRESBYTERY OF LONDONDERRY—*Minister*—Rev. Edward L. Parker. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF NEWBURYPORT—*Minister*—Rev. John Proudfit. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF CHAMPLAIN—*Minister*—Rev. Jacob Hart. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF ST. LAWRENCE—*Ministers*—Rev. Joshua A. Clayton, John Sessions. *Elders*—Mr. John Fine, James H. Leonard.

PRESBYTERY OF OGDENSBURGH—*Min.*—None. *Elder*—Liberty Knowles.

PRESBYTERY OF OSWEGO—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF ONEIDA—*Ministers*—Rev. John Frost, Samuel C. Aikin, Noah Coe. *Elders*—Mr. Lucas Younglove, Dr. Lawrence Hull, Ezra Wood.

PRESBYTERY OF OTSEGO—*Minister*—Rev. James C. How. *Elder*—Mr. Joseph T. Gilbert.

PRESBYTERY OF ALBANY—*Ministers*—Rev. John Clancy, Thomas Halliday, William Blain. *Elders*—Mr. Ananias Platt, Samuel Tibbals.

PRESBYTERY OF TROY—*Ministers*—Rev. Nathan S. S. Beman, Ebenezer Cheever. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF COLUMBIA—*Minister*—Rev. Silas Churchill. *Elder*—Mr. Thomas Kendell, Jr.

PRESBYTERY OF CHENANGO—*Minister*—Rev. Elijah D. Wells. *Elder*—Mr. William Gile.

PRESBYTERY OF CORTLAND—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF ONONDAGA—*Ministers*—Rev. Washington Thatcher, Oren Hyde. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF CAYUGA—*Ministers*—Rev. William Johnson, Justus S. Hough, Alexander M. Cowan. *Elder*—Mr. Thaddeus Edwards.

PRESBYTERY OF GENEVA—*Ministers*—Rev. Ansel D. Eddy, William Todd. *Elder*—Mr. Jonathan Whitaker.

PRESBYTERY OF BATH—*Ministers*—Rev. Moses Hunter, Robert Hubbard. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF ONTARIO—*Minister*—Rev. Warren Day. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF ROCHESTER—*Ministers*—Rev. Joseph Penney, Joel Parker. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF GENESSEE—*Ministers*—Rev. Johnson Baldwin, Joseph Myers. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF NIAGARA—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF BUFFALO—*Minister*—Rev. Thompson S. Harris. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF HUDSON—*Ministers*—Rev. Thomas Grier, William Timlow. *Elder*—Mr. David Hanford.

PRESBYTERY OF NORTH RIVER—*Ministers*—Rev. Asahel Bronson, Jared Dewing. *Elders*—Mr. Newton Reed, Marq. D. L. F. Phillips.

PRESBYTERY OF LONG ISLAND—*Ministers*—Rev. Ezra King, Peter H. Shaw. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF NEW YORK—*Ministers*—Rev. Elias W. Crane, Joseph Sanford, Cyrus Mason. *Elders*—Mr. Ebenezer Burrell, Hugh Auchincloss, George Zabriskie.

PRESBYTERY OF NEW YORK, (2d.)—*Minister*—Rev. Joseph M'Elroy. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF NEWARK—*Ministers*—Rev. William T. Hamilton, Nathaniel Conkling. *Elders*—Mr. Moses Dod, Obadiah Woodruff.

PRESBYTERY OF ELIZABETHTOWN—*Ministers*—Rev. John M'Dowell, D. D., John G. Bergen. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF NEW BRUNSWICK—*Ministers*—Rev. Samuel Miller, D. D., David Comfort, Peter O. Studdiford. *Elder*—Mr. Robert M'Neely.

PRESBYTERY OF NEWTON—*Ministers*—Rev. Joseph L. Shafer, William W. Blauvelt. *Elder*—Mr. Benjamin M'Dowell.

PRESBYTERY OF SUSQUEHANNA—*Minister*—Rev. Burr Baldwin. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF PHILADELPHIA—*Ministers*—Rev. Ezra S. Ely, D. D.,

Thomas J. Biggs, Brogun Hoff. *Elders*—Dr. William Shippen, Mr. David H. Mason.

Presbytery of New Castle—*Ministers*—Rev. Ebenezer Dickey, D. D., Eliphalet W. Gilbert. *Elders*—Mr. Amos Slaymaker, Robert Porter.

Presbytery of Lewes—*Minister*—Rev. Alexander Campbell. *Elder*—Mr. Robert Hunter.

Presbytery of Baltimore—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of District of Columbia—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—Mr. James Moore.

Presbytery of Carlisle—*Ministers*—Rev. Robert Cathcart, D. D., John Moody, John M'Knight. *Elder*—Mr. James Agnew.

Presbytery of Huntingdon—*Minister*—Rev. James H. Stuart. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of Northumberland—*Minister*—Rev. Joseph Painter. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of Allegheny—*Minister*—Rev. Abraham Boyd. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of Erie—*Minister*—Rev. Pierce Chamberlin. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of Hartford—*Minister*—Rev. James Wright. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of Redstone—*Ministers*—Rev. Robert Johnson, Samuel M'Farrand. *Elder*—Mr. Joseph Baldridge.

Presbytery of Steubenville—*Minister*—Rev. Charles C. Beatty. *Elder* None.

Presbytery of Washington, Pa.—*Minister*—Rev. John Stockton. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of Ohio—*Ministers*—Rev. Francis Herron, D. D., Elisha P. Swift. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of Detroit—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of Grand River—*Minister*—Rev. Giles H. Cowles, D. D. *Elder*—Mr. Silas Pepoon.

Presbytery of Portage—*Minister*—Rev. Joseph Meriam. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of Huron—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of Trumbull—*Minister*—Rev. Edson Hart. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of Columbus—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of Richland—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of Chillicothe—*Minister*—Rev. Samuel Crothers. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of Lancaster—*Minister*—Rev. John Hunt. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of Athens—*Minister*—Rev. Luther G. Bingham. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of Miami—*Minister*—Rev. William Gray. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of Cincinnati—*Minister*—Rev. Ludwell G. Gaines. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of Salem—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of Madison—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of Wabash—*Minister*—Rev. Isaac Reed. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of Missouri—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of Louisville—*Minister*—Rev. Daniel C. Banks. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of Muhlenberg—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of Transylvania—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of West Lexington—*Minister*—Rev. Simeon H. Crane. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of Ebenezer—*Minister*—Rev. Samuel Taylor. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF WINCHESTER—*Minister*—Rev. James M. Brown. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF HANOVER—*Minister*—Rev. Benjamin H. Rice. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF LEXINGTON—*Minister*—Rev. Nathaniel W. Calhoon. *Elders*—Mr. David Ruffner, Alexander M'Corkle.

PRESBYTERY OF ORANGE—*Minister*—Rev. Wm. S. Plumer. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF FAYETTEVILLE—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF CONCORD—*Minister*—Rev. James Stafford. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF MECKLENBURGH—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF BETHEL—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF ABINGDON—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF UNION—*Ministers*—Rev. Eli N. Sawtelle, William Eagleton. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF HOLSTON—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF FRENCH BROAD—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF WEST TENNESSEE—*Minister*—Rev. Robert Hardin. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF SHILOH—*Minister*—Rev. John W. Hall. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF MISSISSIPPI—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF NORTH ALABAMA—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF SOUTH CAROLINA—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF HOPEWELL—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF CHARLESTON UNION—*Minister*—Rev. Elipha White. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF HARMONY—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF GEORGIA—*Minister*—Rev. Horace S. Pratt. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF SOUTH ALABAMA—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF CONNECTICUT—Rev. Isaac Parsons, Zephaniah Swift, Timothy P. Gillett.

GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF MASSACHUSETTS—Rev. Sylvester Holmes, Thomas Shepherd.

GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF NEW HAMPSHIRE—Rev. Grant Powers.

GENERAL CONVENTION OF VERMONT—Rev. Charles Walker.

REFORMED DUTCH CHURCH—Rev. Gilbert R. Livingston.

GERMAN REFORMED CHURCH—None.

The committee also reported, that several commissions were handed to them which are not in due form.

Mr. Gilbert, Mr. Comfort, and Mr. Biggs, were appointed a committee of Elections; and the informal commissions were referred to them.

This committee reported in favour of receiving the commissions referred to them, and the persons named in them were enrolled in the list of members.

The Rev. Ezra Stiles Ely, D. D., was chosen Moderator; and the Rev. Elias W. Crane was chosen Temporary Clerk.

The roll was called, and each member of the Assembly was furnished with a copy of the printed minutes of the last Assembly.

Rev. Messrs. D. Comfort, E. P. Swift, E. White, Wm. Gray, D. C. Banks, G. Powers, and S. Holmes, ministers; with Messrs. Zabriskie, R. Hunter, and A. Platt, Elders, were appointed a committee of bills and overtures; to meet to-morrow morning at 6 o'clock; and afterwards on their own adjournments.

Dr. Dickey, Mr. R. Johnson, Mr. Rice, Mr. Aiken, ministers; with Dr. Shippen, Mr. Slaymaker, and Mr. Ruffner, Elders, were appointed a Judicial Committee, to meet to-morrow morning at 6 o'clock, and afterwards on their own adjournments.

The Rev. Benjamin Tappan, and William Ladd, Esquire, appeared in the Assembly, and produced commissions as delegates from the General Conference of the State of Maine. Dr. Miller, Mr. Biggs, and Dr. Cathcart, were appointed a committee to confer with these gentlemen, and report on the subject to the Assembly.

The receiving of reports on the state of religion was made the order of the day for Monday next.

Adjourned till 9 o'clock to-morrow morning. Concluded with prayer.

May 16, 9 *o'clock, A. M.*

The Assembly met, and was constituted with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

Mr. Cornelius I. Blauvelt, a ruling elder from the Presbytery of Hudson; Rev. Thomas Barr, from the Presbytery of Richland; Rev. Enoch Conger, and Mr. John Seymour, a ruling elder, from the Presbytery of Huron; and Rev. Henry Van Deman, from the Presbytery of Columbus appeared in the Assembly, and their commissions being read, took their seats as members of the Assembly.

A communication was received from the Trustees of the General Assembly relative to the last will and Testament of Rev. Joseph Eastburn, which was read, and committed to Mr. Conkling, Mr. Plumer, and Mr. Day.

The committee of Overtures reported overtures Nos. 1 and 2.

No. 1 was put on the docket, and No. 2 viz. a memorial from the Synod of West Tennessee, accompanied by the records of that Synod, was committed to Mr. Penney, Mr. E. W. Gilbert, and Mr. Stockton.

The committee appointed to confer with the delegates from the General Conference of the State of Maine, made the following report, which was adopted, viz.

That after obtaining all the information which they deemed requisite, respecting the body proposing this connection, they have agreed to recommend to the General Assembly the adoption of the following articles of correspondence, which the above named delegates doubt not will be readily acceded to on the part of the General Conference.

1 The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, and the General Conference of Maine, shall each appoint one or two delegates to attend these bodies respectively; and in case two are appointed, one may be a layman; for the purpose of comunicating to each other whatever may be mutually useful to the churches under their care, and conducive to Christian harmony and co-operation, and to the general interest of the Redeemer's kingdom.

2. These delegates shall have the privilege of proposing such measures as they may deem important or desirable, and of delivering their opinions on any questions under discussion, but shall have no vote in the decisions of the bodies respectively to which they shall be delegated.

3. It shall be deemed irregular for any Presbytery, Conference, or Association, within the bounds of the corresponding churches, to receive any candidate for licensure, licentiate or ordained minister, into connection with either, without regular testimonials, and a regular dismission from the Presbytery, Conference, or Association, from which the said candidate, licentiate, or minister, may come.

4. Each of the bodies forming these articles of correspondence shall appoint a committee for certifying the good standing of ministers travelling from the one to the other. The names of the persons composing these committees, respectively, shall be mutually communicated by the two bodies: and it shall not be considered as matter of offence, if a licentiate or ordained minister, from either body, travelling without a certificate of regular standing, from one or more members of said committee, shall not be received and treated as such.

5. It shall be understood that these articles of agreement and correspondence between the two bodies, may be at any time modified by mutual consent, or terminated, when either body shall decide and announce that they are no longer considered as answering the great purposes intended to be promoted by them, and that their termination is desired.

The Rev. Benjamin Tappan and William Ladd, Esq., took their seats in the Assembly, as delegates from the General Conference of Maine.

Resolved, That Dr. Miller, Mr. Eddy, Mr. M'Knight, Mr. Walker, and Mr. Shepherd, be a committee to deliberate on the propriety of opening a correspondence between the General Assembly, and the Protestants of France; and, if they think it expedient, to report a draft of a letter for that purpose.

The following committees were appointed to examine the Synodical Records; viz:

Records of the Synod of Albany, Mr. Hoff, Mr. Campbell, and Mr. M'Corkle.

Records of the Synod of New York, Mr. Beatty, Mr. E. Hart, and Mr. Pepoon.

Records of the Synod of New Jersey, Mr. Clayton, Mr. Sessions, and Mr. Leonard.

Records of the Synod of Geneva, Mr. Grier, Mr. Timlow, and Mr. C. Blauvelt.

Records of the Synod of Genessee, Mr. Sanford, Mr. C. Mason, and Mr. Burrill.

Records of the Synod of Philadelphia, Mr. Coe, Mr. Proudfit, and Mr. Knowles.

Records of the Synod of Pittsburgh, Mr. Beman, Mr. Cheever, and Mr. Kendell.

Records of the Synod of the Western Reserve, Mr. Thatcher, Mr. J. Parker, and Mr. Ruffner.

Records of the Synod of Ohio, Mr. Clancy, Mr. Halliday, and Mr. Tibbals.

Records of the Synod of Indiana, Mr. M'Elroy, Mr. Hamilton, and Mr. Dod.

Records of the Synod of Kentucky, Mr. Harris, Mr. Myers, and Mr. Whitaker.

Records of the Synod of Virginia, Mr. Studdiford, Mr. Stuart, and Mr. Agnew.

Records of the Synod of North Carolina, Mr. Bronson, Mr. Dewing, and Mr. Moore.

Records of the Synod of Tennessee, Mr. Shafer, Mr. Biggs, and Mr. B. M'Dowell.

Records of the Synod of West Tennessee, Mr. M'Knight, Mr. Moody, and Mr. R. Porter.

Records of the Synod of South Carolina and Georgia, Mr. Painter, Mr. Boyd, and Mr. D. H. Mason.

Mr. Fine, Mr. Auchincloss, and Mr. Seymour, were appointed a committee to receive an account of the miles travelled by the Commissioners to the Assembly, and to make an apportionment of the Commissioners' fund, agreeably to a standing rule on the subject.

Resolved, That it be the order of the day, for to-morrow morning, to receive the Synodical and Presbyterial reports.

Mr. Eddy, Mr. Conger, and Mr. Hanford, were appointed a committee to receive these reports, examine them, and read to the Assembly such parts of them as they may judge necessary to be read for the information of the Assembly; and also to prepare a statement to be transcribed into the compendious view.

Mr. E. P. Swift, Mr. Calhoon, Dr. Cowles, Mr. Z. Swift, and Mr. Holmes,

were appointed a committee to take notes and prepare a narrative of the state of religion.

Rev. G. Powers, having stated that he should be under the necessity of leaving the Assembly before Monday next, it was resolved that he be requested to give to the Assembly, an account of the state of religion within the bounds of the General Association of New Hampshire. Mr. Powers accordingly read an account, which was put into the hands of the committee appointed to prepare the narrative.

The delegates who were appointed to attend the General Associations of Connecticut, Massachusetts, and New Hampshire, the General Convention of Vermont, and the German Reformed Synod, reported respectively, and their reports were accepted.

From the report of the delegate to New Hampshire and Vermont, it appeared that the memorial of the last Assembly to these bodies, was laid before each of them; and that the General Association of New Hampshire have adopted the proposition in the memorial, viz: that the delegates from each body to the other, should hereafter sit and deliberate only, but not vote; and that the General Convention of Vermont had committed the subject to a committee, which are to report to the next Convention.

From the minutes of the General Association of Massachusetts, presented to the Assembly, it appears that that body have respectfully declined adopting the alteration proposed in the memorial of the Assembly.

From the minutes of the General Association of Connecticut it appears, that that body have adopted both the resolutions recommended by a joint committee appointed by the General Assemby of 1826, and the General Association of the same year; which resolutions had been adopted by the last Assembly, and published in their minutes.

Mr. M'Elroy, Mr. Hubbard, and Mr. Todd were appointed a committee to consider and report on the propriety of proposing to the General Associations of Massachusetts and New Hampshire, and the General Convention of Vermont, the adoption of the first of the two rules proposed by the last Assembly to the General Association of Connecticut.

The General Associations of Connecticut, New Hampshire, and Massachusetts, and the General Convention of Vermont, presented a number of copies of their respective minutes, which were committed to Dr. Cathcart and Mr. Biggs, to be distributed among the members.

A letter was received from Jeremiah Evarts, Esq., Corresponding Secretary of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, presenting to the Assembly a number of copies of the last Annual Report of that Board; which were committed to Dr. Cathcart and Mr. Biggs to be distributed among the members.

Resolved, That Wednesday next be set apart and observed by the Assembly as a day of thanksgiving, humiliation, and prayer.

Dr. Herron, Mr. How, and Mr. Eagleton, were appointed a committee of arrangements for the services of that day.

A communication from the American Colonization Society was received and read, and committed to Mr. Brown, Mr. Calhoon, Mr. Taylor, Mr. E. Parker, Mr. Pratt, Mr. Ruffner, and Mr. Moore.

The committee on psalmody reported, and their report was read and committed to Mr. Frost, Mr. J. Hart, Mr. P. Chamberlin, Mr. Edwards, and Mr. Woodruff.

The receiving of the report of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary at Princeton was made the order of the day for Tuesday morning next.

The Permanent Clerk informed the Assembly that there had been put into his hands an appeal of Joseph E. Bell, from the Presbytery of Concord; two

appeals of James Taylor against the Synod of Pittsburgh; and a complaint of Charles J. Cook against the Presbytery of Rochester. The above appeals and complaint were referred to the Judicial Committee.

The Directors of the Union Theological Seminary made their annual report, which was read and accepted. Ordered, that it be published in the Appendix to the Minutes of the Assembly.

Nominations were made for delegates to attend the several ecclesiastical bodies holding correspondence with the General Assembly.

Adjourned till this afternoon at 4 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

4 o'clock, P. M.

The Assembly met, and was constituted with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

Rev. William Nevins, from the Presbytery of Baltimore, and Rev. Isaac Cochran, from the Presbytery of Hanover, appeared in the Assembly, and their commissions being read, took their seats as members of the Assembly.

Resolved, That the standing committee to certify the qualifications of preachers travelling from the bounds of the Presbyterian Church, appointed by a former Assembly, be the committee to certify the qualifications of preachers travelling into the State of Maine.

The committee of overtures reported overtures Nos. 3 and 4, which were put upon the docket.

The Assembly proceeded to the election of delegates to attend the several ecclesiastical bodies with which this Assembly holds correspondence. The ballots were received and committed to Mr. Oren Hyde, Mr. Wood, and Mr. J. T. Gilbert, to canvass them, and report the result to the Assembly.

Overture No. 1, viz: An application from the Presbytery of Bethel to be separated from the Synod of North Carolina, and attached to the Synod of South Carolina and Georgia, was read and committed to Mr. Crothers, Mr. White, Mr. Stafford, and Mr. Plumer.

Overture No. 4, viz: An extract from the minutes of the Presbytery of New York, on the subject of intemperance, was read.

Resolved, That the commissioners from the several Presbyteries be directed to communicate to the committee appointed to prepare the Narrative, what the Presbyteries have severally done since the last Assembly to suppress the vice of intemperance within their bounds; that the information may be incorporated in the Narrative.

The Permanent Clerk informed the Assembly, that there had been put into his hands an appeal from the Synod of Albany, by some of the pew owners of the First Presbyterian Church of Troy.

The above appeal was referred to the Judicial Committee.

The committee appointed to consider the communication of the Trustees of the General Assembly relative to the will of the late Rev. Joseph Eastburn, made the following report, which was adopted, viz:—

The General Assembly remember with lively interest the zealous and benevolent labours of the late Rev. Joseph Eastburn among the seamen of this city; and have with great pleasure read a clause in his will, in which he intrusts the General Assembly with the residue of his estate, estimated at between $8000 and $9000; the income of which is to be applied to the support of preaching among that class of our fellow men.

Therefore, *Resolved*, That the General Assembly approve of the acceptance of the trust, by their Trustees, and do direct them to receive and execute said trust, in conformity with the will of the testator.

The committee to whom was referred overture No. 1, made the following report, which was adopted, viz:—

Whereas, A petition has been presented from the Presbytery of Bethel, pray-

ing to be detached from the Synod of North Carolina, and to be attached to the Synod of South Carolina and Georgia; and whereas, it appeared to be agreeable to all concerned,

Therefore, *Resolved*, That the petition be granted; provided, that this grant shall not be so interpreted as to include any of the churches in the State of North Carolina.

Overture No. 3, viz: A reference from the Synod of New Jersey relative to the case of the Rev. Garner A. Hunt, was taken up. The minutes of the Synod were read, and also a communication on the subject from the Rev. Holloway W. Hunt. The subject was discussed at some length.

The book of the Treasurer of the Trustees of the General Assembly was laid on the table for the inspection of the members.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

May 17 9 *o'clock, A. M.*

The Assembly met, and was constituted with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

Mr. Moses Hall, a ruling elder from the Presbytery of Geneva, and Mr. George R. King, a ruling elder from the Presbytery of Newton, appeared in the Assembly and their commissions being read, took their seats as members of the Assembly.

The committee of Overtures reported overtures Nos. 5, 6, 7, and 8, which were ordered to be put on the docket.

The committee appointed to count the ballots for delegates to the several ecclesiastical bodies holding correspondence with this Assembly reported, and the following persons were declared duly elected, viz:

The Rev. Elisha P. Swift, the Rev. Charles W. Nassau, and the Rev. Horace S. Pratt, to attend the General Association of Connecticut.

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The Rev. Horace S. Pratt, to attend the General Conference of Maine.

The Rev. Nathan S. S. Beman, to attend the General Association of New Hampshire, and the General Convention of Vermont; and the Rev. Amzi Babbitt, his alternate.

The Rev. Joseph M'Elroy, and Mr. Ananias Platt, ruling elder, to attend the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church; and the Rev. Elias W. Crane, and Mr. Uriah Marvin, ruling elder, their alternates.

And the Rev. Daniel Young, and the Rev. Alexander M'Clelland, to attend the German Reformed Synod; and the Rev. George Duffield alternate to either of them who may fail.

The Assembly resumed the consideration of the reference from the Synod of New Jersey, in relation to the case of the Rev. Garner A. Hunt. After considerable discussion, the following resolution was adopted, viz:

Resolved, That the Rev. Garner A. Hunt be considered as still a member of the Presbytery of Newton, and amenable to that body.

Overture No. 6, viz: An application for an approved organization of the Board of Missions, signed by several individuals for themselves, and by appointment in behalf of a number of their brethren, was taken up, and committed to Rev. R. Johnson, T. G. Biggs, and N. S. S. Beman, with the Elders, D. H. Mason, and R. M'Neely.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Synodical and Presbyterial reports were received, and committed to the committee appointed on this subject.

Overture No. 8, viz: A communication from the Reformed Dutch Synod, was taken up and read, and committed to Mr. M'Elroy, Mr. Van Deman, Mr. Tappan, Mr. Zabriskie, and Mr. Phillips.

The committee of Overtures reported overture No. 9, which was put upon the docket.

The committee appointed to make arrangements for the observance of Wednesday next, made a report in part, which was accepted.

The Judicial Committee reported the complaint of Mr. Charles J. Cook, against the Presbytery of Rochester, accompanied with a petition. The documents in the case sent up by Mr. Cook were read. After which it was resolved, that the complaint and petition be dismissed.

Adjourned till 9 o'clock on Monday morning. Concluded with prayer.

May 19, 9 *o'clock, A. M.*

The Assembly met, and was constituted with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

Rev. John H. Smaltz, a delegate from the German Reformed Synod, and the Rev. Henry R. Weed, from the Presbytery of Albany, appeared in the Assembly, and their commissions being read, they took their seats as members of the Assembly.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Assembly proceeded to receive communications on the state of religion. Having made considerable progress in this business, the Assembly

Adjourned till this afternoon at 4 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

4 *o'clock, P. M.*

The Assembly met, and was constituted with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The Assembly continued to receive reports on the state of religion; and having nearly finished this business,

Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

May 20, 9 *o'clock, A. M.*

The Assembly met, and was constituted with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

Rev. John Le Roy Davies, from the Presbytery of Bethel, and Dr. John T. Woodhull, a ruling elder from the Presbytery of New Brunswick, appeared in the Assembly, and their commissions being read, took their seats as members of the Assembly.

The Assembly resumed and finished the receiving of reports on the state of religion.

The committee appointed to make arrangements for the religious exercises of to-morrow, made a final report, which was adopted.

The Judicial Committee reported the appeal of some of the pew holders of the First Presbyterian Church in Troy, from a decision of the Synod of Albany; which was put upon the docket.

Resolved, That the Board of Missions be requested to present the thanks of this Assembly to the Rev. William Nevins, for the missionary sermon which he preached last evening.

The Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary at Princeton, made their annual report, which was accepted, and ordered to be printed in the appendix to the minutes.

The Board of Directors also laid before the Assembly the following extract from their minutes, viz:

"*Resolved*, That it be recommended to the General Assembly to increase the salary of the Rev. Charles Hodge, Professor of Oriental and Biblical Literature; so that it shall hereafter be *fifteen hundred dollars* per annum."

The Assembly proceeded to consider this recommendation, when it was re-

solved, that agreeably to the recommendation of the Board of Directors, the salary of Professor Hodge be hereafter $1500 per annum.

The Trustees of the Theological Seminary at Princeton made their annual report, which was accepted, and ordered to be printed in the appendix to the minutes of the General Assembly.

Resolved, That there be put at the disposal of the Trustees of the Theological Seminary at Princeton, for the payment of Professors' salaries for the current year, the sum of $5,300.

The nomination of Directors of the Theological Seminary at Princeton was made the order of the day for Tuesday morning.

The Judicial Committee reported the appeal of Joseph E. Bell, from a decision of the Presbytery of Concord, which was put upon the docket.

The committee to whom was referred overture No. 6, viz: An application for an improved organization of the Board of Missions, made a report in favour of said application, which report was put upon the docket.

The Directors of the Western Theological Seminary presented their annual report, which was read, accepted, and committed to Dr. Cathcart, Mr. Stockton, Mr. Timlow, Mr. Nevins, and Mr. Sawtelle.

A letter was received from the Rev. Dr. Jacob J. Janeway, who was elected by the last Assembly Professor of Theology in the Western Theological Seminary, in which he declares his acceptance of said appointment.

The committee appointed to consider and report on the propriety of proposing to the General Associations of Massachusetts and New Hampshire, and the General Convention of Vermont, the adoption of the first of the two rules proposed by the last Assembly to the General Association of Connecticut, reported, that they view the adoption of said rule as necessary to the peaceful and harmonious correspondence of the bodies concerned; and would therefore recommend, that the delegates appointed this year to the Associations and Conventions above named be instructed to present the rule referred to, to their consideration.

The above report was adopted.

The rule referred to is as follows, viz:—

"That it shall be deemed irregular and unfriendly for any Presbytery or Association, within the bounds of the corresponding churches, to receive any candidate for licensure, licentiate, or ordained minister, into connection with either, without regular testimonials, and a regular dismission from the Presbytery or Association from which the said candidate, licentiate, or minister, may come."

Overture No. 9, viz: A complaint from the Presbytery of Philadelphia against the Presbytery of Columbia was taken up, and after some discussion, was referred to the Judicial Committee.

Adjourned till this afternoon at 4 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

4 o'clock, P. M.

The Assembly met, and was constituted with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The committee of overtures reported overture No. 10, which was put upon the docket.

Mr. Knowles obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of the Assembly.

Mr. Smaltz, in behalf of the German Reformed Synod, presented to the Assembly several copies of the minutes of the last session of that body, which were ordered to be distributed by the clerks.

The Assembly had a recess to attend the anniversary of the American Sunday School Union, agreeably to an invitation from the Board of Managers of that institution.

Adjourned for business till Thursday morning, to-morrow having been set apart as a day of thanksgiving, humiliation, and prayer. Concluded with prayer.

May 22, 9 *o'clock, A. M.*

The Assembly met, and was constituted with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

Rev. Hiram Chamberlain, of the Presbytery of Missouri, appeared in the Assembly, and his commission being read, took his seat as a member of the Assembly.

Yesterday was observed by the Assembly as a day of thanksgiving, humiliation, and prayer. Agreeably to the plan reported by the committee of arrangements, the Assembly convened at ten o'clock, in their usual place of meeting. A number of ministers and elders, not members of the Assembly, met with them. The time until one o'clock was spent together in prayer, praise, reading the Scriptures, and exhortation. At four o'clock the Assembly met in the First Presbyterian Church, with the congregation assembled. The exercises were conducted in a manner similar to those of the morning. The day was one of great interest and solemnity. In the evening the members of the Assembly attended in different churches in the city, in which there was worship under the direction of their respective pastors.

Dr. M'Dowell, Mr. Hamilton, Mr. Shepherd, Mr. Smaltz, and Dr. Hull, were appointed a committee to report a plan for the observance of a season of religious exercises by future Assemblies; and for extending the observance of the same season to the churches under the care of the Assembly.

Nominations were made to fill the vacancies in the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary at Princeton: and also to fill the vacancies in the Board of the Western Theological Seminary.

Resolved, That the rule requiring the roll to be called when nominations for directors in the Theological Seminaries are made, be and it is hereby repealed; and that when this subject is taken up, any member shall have the right, without a call of his name, to nominate as many directors as are to be chosen.

The Board of Missions made their annual report, which was accepted. The Board of Missions informed the Assembly that they had engaged several gentlemen to deliver addresses immediately.

Resolved, That the rule on this subject be suspended, and that these addresses be delivered in the First Presbyterian Church to-morrow evening.

The report of the Board of Missions was committed to Mr. Biggs, Mr. C. Mason, and Mr. H. Chamberlain.

A letter was received from the Female Tract Society of Philadelphia, presenting to the Assembly 6000 religious tracts, 1000 of them German, with a request that they may be apportioned among their ministers, missionaries, and elders, residing in or travelling to those sections of the middle, southern, and western States, which are represented as in a great measure destitute of religious books, and the means of grace.

Resolved, That the above donation be accepted, and that the thanks of this Assembly be presented, by the Permanent Clerk, to the Philadelphia Female Tract Society, for their generous donation; and that the tracts be committed to the Stated Clerk, for distribution, agreeably to the request of the donors.

The report of the committee on the overture for an improved organization of the Board of Missions, was taken up.

The report of the committee is as follows, viz: The committee consider the matter contained in this overture of the first importance to the interests of the church and world, and they believe, that they cannot better discharge the duties intrusted to them, than to lay the overture, as it now stands, before the General Assembly for their consideration.

The printed overture, signed by Ashbel Green, Francis Herron, Jacob J. Janeway, James Moore, and George W. Blight, was read. After some discussion, the Assembly

Adjourned till 4 o'clock, this afternoon. Concluded with prayer.

4 o'clock, P. M.

The Assembly met, and was constituted with prayer

The minutes of the last session were read.

A large bundle of pamphlets, describing the causes, rise, and progress, of the division which has lately taken place in the Society of Friends, was presented to the Assembly, at the request of that society. These pamphlets were committed to Dr. Cathcart and Mr. Biggs, to be distributed among the members.

The committee to whom was referred the report on the subject of the Western Theological Seminary, presented a report, which being read and amended, was adopted, and is as follows viz:

1. *Resolved*, That the constitution or plan of the Theological Seminary of Princeton, be the constitution of the Western Seminary, with the following alterations, viz:

In the second paragraph of the introduction, the sentence beginning with the words, "Influenced by the views and considerations now recited, &c.," shall be altered so as to read as follows:—"Influenced by the views and considerations now recited, the General Assembly, after mature deliberation, have resolved, in reliance upon the patronage and blessing of the great Head of the church, to establish an additional Theological Seminary in the town of Allegheny, opposite to the city of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, consecrated solely to the education of men for the gospel ministry, and to be denominated the Western Theological Seminary of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America; &c."

In the third paragraph of the said introduction, the phraseology shall be so changed as to read: "Believing that learning without religion in the ministers of the gospel will prove injurious to the church; and religion without learning will leave the ministry exposed to the impositions of designing men, and insufficient in a high degree for the great purposes of the gospel ministry."

In the 10th section of the 2d article, the word "Western" shall be inserted before "Theological Seminary;" and the word "is" shall be substituted for "shall be," in the last line of the 12th section of the 3d article.

2. *Resolved*, That the Constitution be printed for the use of the Directors, and for public circulation, under the direction and at the expense of the Board.

3. *Resolved*, That 20,000 dollars be the sum for endowing a professorship, and 2000 dollars for endowing a scholarship.

4. *Resolved*, That the Assembly approve of the measures taken by the Board for the erection of suitable buildings.

5. *Resolved*, That the sum of 7500 dollars be appropriated by the Assembly: —5000 dollars for the building, and 2500 dollars for other expenses, during the present year.

6. *Resolved*, That the salary of the Professor of Theology be 1500 dollars per annum.

7. *Resolved*, That a Professor of Church History and Church Government, be elected by the present Assembly.

8. *Resolved*, That the Board elect their own treasurer, and take suitable securities for the faithful discharge of his duties.

Ordered, That the report of the Directors of the Western Theological Seminary be printed in the Appendix to the minutes of the Assembly.

Resolved, That it be the order of the day for Monday next at ten o'clock, to elect a Professor of Ecclesiastical History and Church Government, for the Western Theological Seminary.

Agreeably to a standing rule, the Assembly had a season of special prayer for divine direction in this important choice.

The subject of re-organizing the Board of missions was resumed, and discussed at some length.

Mr. Robert Porter obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of the Assembly.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

May 23, 9 *o'clock, A. M.*

The Assembly met, and was constituted with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

Mr. J. Hart obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of the Assembly.

The committee of Overtures reported overtures Nos. 11 and 12, which were put upon the docket.

The Assembly proceeded to the election of Directors of the Theological Seminary at Princeton. The ballots were received and committed to Rev. J. H. Stuart, Mr. Dod, and Mr. Hall.

The Assembly also received the ballots for Directors of the Western Theological Seminary; which were committed to Rev. Abraham Boyd, Mr. B. M'Dowell, and Mr. N. Reed.

The business of the re-organization of the Board of Missions was resumed, and discussed at some length.

A communication was received from the Executive Committee of the American Home Missionary Society, announcing the appointment of Rev. James M. Matthews, D. D., Rev. Absalom Peters, and Knowles Taylor, Esq., a committee of that body to communicate to the Assembly the views of said Executive Committee in relation to the subject of the overture, now before the Assembly, for a re-organization of the Board of Missions of the General Assembly.

Dr. Herron, Mr. Hardin, and Mr. Holmes were appointed a committee to confer with the committee from the American Home Missionary Society:—and it was resolved to suspend the business of re-organizing the Board of Missions until said committee shall report.

The committee on Overture No. 8, viz., a communication from the Reformed Dutch Synod, made a report, which after considerable discussion, was recommitted to the same committee, with the addition of Dr. Dickey, Mr. Rice, and Mr. Eddy.

The committee on milage reported, that the number of miles to Philadelphia, travelled by the Commissioners, who wish to draw from the Commissioners' fund, is 25,241. That the Commissioners' fund this year, as reported by the treasurer, is $1641 66, which affords 6½ cents per mile. Your committee have divided the fund among the Commissioners, according to their respective milage. And there is left a balance in the treasurer's hands of $1 06.

The report of the committee was adopted.

Resolved, That the Trustees of the General Assembly be, and they hereby are, directed to issue a warrant for the payment of $1640 60, to the Commissioners, agreeably to the report of the committee on milage.

The committee to whom were committed the ballots for Directors of the Theological Seminary at Princeton, made a report, from which it appeared that the following ministers and elders were elected Directors for three years, viz.

Ministers—Thomas M'Auley, D. D., Asa Hillyer, D. D., John Chester, D. D., Eliphalet W. Gilbert, Ezra Fisk, D. D., Joseph Sanford, Thomas J. Biggs.

Elders—Eliphalet Wickes, Zechariah Lewis, John T. Woodhull.

And that the Rev. Benjamin Palmer, D. D., was elected for one year, to supply the vacancy occasioned by the death of the Rev. Dr. Samuel Blatchford.

The committee to whom were committed the ballots for Directors of the Western Theological Seminary, made a report, from which it appeared that the following ministers and elders were elected Directors for three years, viz.

Ministers—Andrew Wylie, D. D., Thomas D. Baird, Samuel Tait, Joseph Stockton, James Graham, Andrew O. Patterson, William M'Lean.

Elders—Aaron Kerr, Redic M'Kee, Thomas Henry.

The committee to whom was referred the report of the committee on Psalmody, reported the following resolution, which was adopted, viz.

Resolved, That the Rev. Archibald Alexander, D. D., Rev. Samuel Miller, D. D., Rev. James Carnahan, D. D., Rev. George S. Woodhull, Rev. Luther Halsey, Rev. Ezra S. Ely, D. D., and Rev. Ashbel Green, D. D., be a committee to receive the report and papers of the committee on the subject of Psalmody, and that they be authorized to make such revision and alteration in the selection of hymns as they may deem necessary; secure the copy-right, and publish the whole, or a part of the selection made by said committee, provided that the publication can be made without pledging the funds of the General Assembly.

Mr. J. T. Gilbert, and Mr. Baldridge obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of the Assembly.

Adjourned till this afternoon at 4 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

4 o'clock, P. M.

The Assembly met, and was constituted with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The committee to whom was referred the communication from the American Colonization Society, made a report, which was put upon the docket.

The committee appointed to confer with the committee of the Home Missionary Society made a report. The consideration of the re-organization of the Board of Missions, was resumed. After considerable discussion, the Assembly had a recess unil 8 o'clock this evening.

After the recess, the Assembly met in the First Presbyterian Church, and agreeably to the resolution of yesterday, heard several addresses on the subject of missions from gentlemen invited by the Board of Missions.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

May 24, 9 *o'clock, A. M.*

The Assembly met, and was constituted with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

Rev. John Harrington, of the Presbytery of Harmony, appeared in the Assembly, and his commission being read, took his seat as a member of the Assembly.

The Judicial Committee made the following report on the complaint of the Presbytery of Philadelphia against the Presbytery of Columbia, relative to the licensure of Mr. Samuel Shaffer, which was adopted, viz., That it is a desirable thing to prevent the unnecessary accumulation of business before the General Assembly; that no good reason appears why the Synod of Albany, who must be entirely competent to issue the complaint, should be passed by, and that, therefore, in their judgment, the matter ought to go before that body.

The committee to whom was recommitted the communication from the Reformed Dutch Synod, in relation to the proceedings of the Presbytery of Columbia, in the case of Leonard B. Van Dyke, made a report, which being read and amended, was adopted, and is as follows, viz., That they have given considerable attention to the subject committed to them, and find the facts to be as follows, viz., That Leonard B. Van Dyke was a student of the Theological

Seminary of the Reformed Dutch Church, and attached to a church under the care of the Classis of Albany, belonging to the said church; that because of doubts entertained by him relative to certain standing articles of faith of the Reformed Dutch Church, he was refused a professoral certificate, until his doubts on the points in question should be removed; and for that purpose he was advised to continue in the institution, and pay particular attention to the points on which he doubted; that with this advice he did not comply, but offered himself to the Presbytery of Columbia as a candidate for licensure; and by said Presbytery was received and licensed. Such are the facts in the case; and in these facts your committee are unable to discover anything, by which the articles of correspondence between this body, and an highly respectable sister church, have been violated. They are, however, of the opinion, that as the change of church connections is a serious matter, calculated to affect the peace of the body left, and therefore not to be needlessly encouraged, that the Presbytery of Columbia did not exercise due deliberation in the reception and licensure of Mr. Van Dyke; and that they would have acted with more propriety, if instead of receiving information from a member of the Classis of Albany, and acting upon it, as to Mr. Van Dyke's relation to the judicatories of the Reformed Dutch Church, they had applied to that Classis itself.

The appeal of Mr. Joseph E. Bell, from a decision of the Presbytery of Concord, suspending him from the office of the gospel ministry, was taken up.

The appellant having requested that some person may be appointed to manage his appeal, the Rev. N. S. S. Beman was accordingly appointed.

The decision of the Presbytery appealed from, the reasons assigned by the appellant for his appeal, which were on record, and the whole record of the proceedings of the inferior judicatory in the case were read.

After which, Mr. Beman, in behalf of Mr. Bell, was heard. The Presbytery of Concord was then heard by their delegate, in explanation of the grounds of their decision.

Mr. Beman and the delegate from Concord then withdrew. The roll was then called, to give each member an opportunity to express his opinion; after which the final vote was taken, and the appeal of Mr. Bell was sustained.

Mr. Frost, Mr. Plumer, and Mr. Fine, were appointed a committee to prepare a minute in relation to the above decision.

The committee to whom was referred the memorial from the Synod of West Tennessee made a report, which was accepted and put upon the docket.

Adjourned till 4 o'clock this afternoon. Concluded with prayer.

4 o'clock, P. M.

The Assembly met, and was constituted with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

Rev. Ichabod L. Skinner, from the Presbytery of the District of Columbia, appeared in the Assembly, and his commission being read, took his seat as a member.

The subject of re-organizing the Board of Missions was resumed. And after again discussing the subject at considerable length, the previous question was moved, which being decided in the negative, the whole subject was indefinitely postponed.

Dr. Cowles, Mr. Moore, Mr. Phillips, and Mr. Leonard, obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of the Assembly.

Adjourned till Monday morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

May 26, 9 *o'clock, A. M.*

The Assembly met, and was constituted with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

Mr. Samuel Bayard, a ruling elder from the Presbytery of New Brunswick, appeared in the Assembly, and his commission being read, took his seat as a member of the Assembly.

The committee appointed to report a plan for the observance of a season of religious exercises by future Assemblies, and of extending the observance of the same season to the churches under the care of the Assembly, made a report, which being read and amended, was adopted, and is as follows, viz:—

Resolved, That it be hereafter a standing rule of the General Assembly to spend the first Wednesday of their sessions in religious exercises, as follows, viz:—

It is recommended, that each member should spend from eight till nine o'clock, A. M., of that day, in secret devotion. At ten, the Assembly shall meet together, and spend a season in prayer, praise, reading the Scriptures, and exhortation. In the afternoon, there shall be a public meeting of the Assembly, with all who may choose to convene with them, to engage again in religious exercises.

Each Assembly shall, at an early period of its sessions, appoint a committee to make arrangements for the observance of this day, in conformity with the above general plan.

Resolved, That it be recommended to the churches under the care of the General Assembly, annually to observe this day, or such parts of it as they may respectively judge proper, as a season of special prayer in the closet, and in social or public meetings; to ask for the presence of God with the General Assembly, and for the special influences of his Spirit to descend upon the churches under their care, and upon the world of mankind, and that the earth may speedily be filled with his glory.

Resolved, That it be recommended to Christians, and to the churches, in the annual observance of this day, as far as may be convenient, to fix upon the same time with the Assembly, for secret devotion, and for public worship.

Resolved, That the several Presbyteries under the care of this General Assembly take order for informing all our churches of this recommendation, and for promoting the observance of the day appointed.

The Judicial Committee reported the 1st and 2d appeals of Mr. James Taylor, against decisions of the Synod of Pittsburgh, and their reports were put upon the docket.

The committee appointed to prepare a letter to the Protestants of France, reported the draft of a letter, which, after being read and amended, was adopted.

Ordered, That it be signed by the Moderator and Permanent Clerk, and transmitted by the Moderator to certain Protestant ministers in the city of Paris.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk preserve a copy of said letter on the files of the Assembly.

The election of a Professor for the Western Theological Seminary, which was made the order of the day for this morning, was postponed until to-morrow morning at ten o'clock.

Overture No. 5, viz: A reference from the Presbytery of Chenango, asking advice in the case of the Rev. Edward Andrews, a member of their body, who has recently withdrawn and received Episcopal ordination, was taken up, and committed to Mr. Crothers, Mr. Weed, and Mr. Farrand.

The committee appointed to prepare the Narrative on the State of Religion, presented a report, which was read, and, after some remarks, recommitted to the same committee.

The appeal of certain pew owners of the First Presbyterian Church in Troy, from a decision of the Synod of Albany, was called up. Mr. Josephus Brockway, one of the pew holders, appeared to prosecute the appeal.

Mr. Dod, Mr. Woodruff, Mr. Harris, Mr. Banks, Mr. Calhoon, Mr. M'Corkle, and Mr. Ruffner, obtained leave of absence.

Adjourned till this afternoon at 4 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

4 *o'clock, P. M.*

The Assembly met, and was constituted with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

Rev. Lyman Beecher, D. D., appeared before the Assembly, by appointment of the General Union, recently formed to promote the better observance of the Sabbath day, and announced to the Assembly the formation of said General Union, and laid on the table of the Assembly a large bundle of pamphlets, containing the proceedings of the Convention which formed the Union, their Constitution, and an Address to the public.

The communication of Dr. Beecher, with the publication presented, was committed to Mr. Cowan, Mr. Grier, Mr. Shepherd, Mr. Fine, and Mr. C. Blauvelt.

The pamphlets were committed to Dr. Cathcart and Mr. Biggs, to be distributed among the members.

The case of certain pew owners of the First Church in Troy was resumed. An objection to considering the merits of this case was made, on the ground that the Synod had not had the constitutional notice of the reasons of the appeal. The Assembly heard the parties in relation to this objection.

Mr. Auchincloss obtained leave of absence.

Adjourned till half-past 8 o'clock to-morrow morning. Concluded with prayer.

May 27th, half-past 8 o'clock, A. M.

The Assembly met, and was constituted with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The committee on the reference from the Chenango Presbytery, in the case of the Rev. Edward Andrews, made the following report, which was adopted, viz.

Resolved, As the sense of this Assembly, That though the conduct of Mr. Andrews was disorderly, it be recommended to the Presbytery to do nothing further in the case than simply to strike his name from the list of their members.

The committees appointed to examine the records of the Synods of Pittsburgh, the Western Reserve, Philadelphia, Ohio, Genessee, Tennessee, New York, West Tennessee, and Kentucky, reported respectively, and their records were approved.

The committees appointed to examine the records of the Synods of North Carolina, Indiana, New Jersey, South Carolina and Georgia, Geneva and Virginia, reported respectively that the records had not been handed to them. The committees were discharged.

Resolved, That the delinquent Synods be careful to send up their records for examination to the next General Assembly.

The committee appointed to prepare a minute expressive of the sense of the Assembly concerning the appeal of Joseph E. Bell, reported the following resolutions, which were adopted, viz.

1. *Resolved*, That in the judgment of the Assembly, Mr. Bell was, and still continues to be, fully amenable to the Presbytery of Concord.

2. That while the Assembly do not wish to protect the guilty, they do judge that great caution, deliberation, and as far as may be, the rules of discipline,

where ministerial character is impeached, ought to be strictly observed, and that in this case the informality was exceptionable.

3. That if it be deemed necessary for the good of religion, and the honour of the ministerial character, the Presbytery of Concord are entirely competent to commence a new trial. Or if Mr. Bell shall desire for his own sake a new trial, the door is still open.

4. That in the mean time Mr. Bell's ministerial standing shall be considered regular; and if no process shall be commenced by either party within the space of six months, from the 1st of June next, then Mr. Bell may claim from the Presbytery of Concord, a dismission declaring him to be in regular standing.

The committee to whom were referred the Synodical and Presbyterial reports, made a report, which was accepted, and committed to Dr. Ely, Mr. Eddy, Mr. Penney, Mr. Fine, and Mr. Bayard.

The Assembly proceeded, agreeably to the order of the day, to the election of a Professor of Ecclesiastical History and Church Government in the Western Theological Seminary. The ballots were received and committed to Mr. Gaines, Mr. Taylor, and Mr. R. Hunter.

The report of the committee on the communication from the American Colonization Society, was taken up, and after some discussion, the following resolution was adopted, viz.

Resolved, That whereas the Managers of the American Colonization Society have requested a recommendation of their object to the patronage of our churches, the recommendation of past years on this subject be considered as sufficiently expressive of the feelings of this Assembly.

The committee to whom were committed the ballots for a Professor of Ecclesiastical History and Church Government in the Western Theological Seminary, reported that the Rev. John M'Dowell, D. D., is elected to this office.

Dr. Herron and Dr. Miller were appointed a committee to wait on Dr. M'Dowell, and inform him of his election.

The appeal of certain pew owners of the First Church in Troy, was resumed. The Synod was further heard on the objection, that they had not had the constitutional notice of the reasons of the appeal. After which the Assembly proceeded to deliberate on this point.

Adjourned till 4 o'clock this afternoon. Concluded with prayer.

4 *o'clock, P. M.*

The Assembly met, and was constituted with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

Resolved, That the Assembly will this year make no change in the Board of Trustees of the General Assembly, nor in the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary at Princeton.

Mr. Campbell, Mr. Penney, and Mr. Painter, were appointed a committee to recommend suitable persons to be appointed a Board of Missions for the ensuing year.

Overture No. 7, viz: A memorial on Theological Seminaries from the West Lexington Presbytery, was committed to Mr. M'Elroy, Mr. Hamilton, and Mr. Davies.

Overture Nos. 10, 11 and 12, reported by the committee of overtures, were indefinitely postponed.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be authorized, on application made to him, to furnish each Theological Seminary under the care of the General Assembly, or of any of its inferior judicatories, or belonging to any of the ecclesiastical bodies holding correspondence with the General Assembly, with 25 copies of the Assembly's Digest.

Resolved, further, That the Stated Clerk be authorized, in like manner, to furnish a copy of the Digest to each session of our churches, and each member of the present Assembly, not possessing a copy.

The Assembly resumed the appeal of certain pew owners of the First Church in Troy. After considerable discussion, it was

Resolved, That the appeal be dismissed on the ground that the Synod has not had the constitutional notice of the reasons of the appeal.

The committee to whom was referred the communication from Dr. Beecher, with the Constitution of the General Union for promoting the observance of the Christian Sabbath, reported the following resolutions, which were adopted, viz:

Resolved, That the General Assembly highly approve of the formation of the above General Union, and would earnestly recommend the formation of auxiliary societies throughout our congregations.

Resolved, That this Assembly renewedly enjoin upon their Presbyteries and churches the duty of enforcing the discipline of the church in every case of a violation of the Sabbath.

Mr. B. M'Dowell, Mr. W. Blauvelt, Mr. Rice, Mr. Burrill, Mr. C. Blauvelt, Mr. Hanford, Mr. Stafford, Mr. Wood, Mr. Hough, Mr. Nevins, Mr. Wells, and Mr. Blain, obtained leave of absence.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning at half-past 8 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

May 28th, half-past 8 o'clock, A. M.

The Assembly met, and was constituted with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

Rev. Alexander Williamson, from the Presbytery of Salem, appeared in the Assembly, and his commission being read, took his seat as a member of the Assembly.

The committee appointed to examine the records of the Synod of Albany made a report, when the Assembly adopted the following resolution, viz:—

Resolved, That the records of the Synod of Albany be approved, with the exception, that in two instances record is made of communications, being reasons of an appeal recorded in pages 322 and 323; and a protest, in pages 323, 324, which were handed to the Stated Clerk, and by him inserted, when it does not appear that he was directed by Synod to make such insertion.

The committee of overtures reported overture No. 13, which was taken up and adopted, and is as follows, viz:—

Resolved, That the great number of vacant churches in our connection, the rapidly increasing population of the west, destitute of gospel ordinances, and the wants of the heathen world, call for vigorous and persevering efforts on the part of the Church of Christ to increase, with all possible rapidity, the number of well qualified preachers of the gospel.

Resolved, That it be earnestly recommended to each minister in the Presbyterian Church to induce the people of his charge to raise funds, or otherwise provide means, sufficient to educate at least one candidate for the gospel ministry; and that among feeble churches, unable singly to raise such fund, a union be formed of two or more such weak churches to accomplish the same object.

Resolved, further, That each minister and church session be affectionately requested to search diligently and prayerfully for young men of piety and promising talents, proper to be taken under the patronage of the church as candidates for the gospel ministry, and recommend such young men to the Presbytery within whose bounds they are found, or to some Education Society.

Resolved, That it be enjoined on the Presbyteries annually to take order on this subject, and report to the General Assembly.

The committee to whom was referred overture No. 7, viz: A memorial from

the West Lexington Presbytery, on the subject of Theological Seminaries, in which is submitted a plan for the attainment—

First, Of entire uniformity in the government and course of study in the Theological schools of our church; and

Second, The most unqualified dependence upon the General Assembly as a bond of Union between all the churches and all her seminaries, in order to secure, to the satisfaction of the memorialists, the future peace and purity of the Church, by securing unity of sentiment and consequently of effort, among all the ministers of the Presbyterian Church in these United States, made the follow report, which was adopted, viz:—

The subject of this memorial is too serious in its character, and two important in its bearing, and its consequences, to be discussed at so late a period of the Assembly's sessions, and inasmuch as it would materially affect the rights of individuals, of Presbyteries, and indeed of the whole Presbyterian Church, and would also call for important alterations in the Constitution, the committee deem it inexpedient for this Assembly to enter upon the consideration of the proposals submitted in the document, and recommend that the memorial be referred to the consideration of the next General Assembly.

The committee of overtures reported overture No. 14, viz: A statement and petition from aggrieved persons in the First Presbyterian Church and congregation, in the city of Troy. The papers were read in part, when the further reading was arrested, and the subject was indefinitely postponed. Mr. Beman asked for an attested copy of the papers of said overture, which was ordered to be given him by the Stated Clerk.

A protest against the decision of the Assembly, in regard to the reorganization of the Board of Missions, was presented and read; when it was resolved, that a committee of conference be appointed. Dr. Herron, Mr. Penney, Mr. Pratt, Mr. Sanford, Mr. Fine, Mr. Frost, Mr. Hardin, Mr. Eddy, Mr. Beman, and Dr. M'Dowell, were appointed this committee.

The committee to whom were referred the report of the Board of Missions under the direction of the General Assembly, made the following report, which was adopted viz:

1. *Resolved*, That the report of the Board of Missions be approved, with certain alterations.

2. That the Trustees of the General Assembly issue their warrant for the payment of the balances due to the missionaries.

3. That it be, and it is hereby recommended, to all the churches under our care, to take up and forward an annual missionary collection in aid of the Board of Missions, and that the Presbyteries take order on this subject.

The report of the Board of Missions being amended agreeably to the report of the committee, was approved, and ordered to be printed in the Appendix to the Minutes.

A resolution was offered on the subject of intemperance, which was committed to Dr. Dickey, Mr. Hamilton, and Dr. Shippen.

The first appeal of Mr. James Taylor, from a decision of the Synod of Pittsburgh, suspending him from the privileges of the church, was taken up. The appellant having requested that some person might be appointed to manage his cause, the Rev. William Timlow was appointed for this purpose.

The decision of the Synod appealed from, and the reasons assigned by the appellant for his appeal, which were on record, were read, as also the proceedings of the inferior judicatories in part.

Adjourned till 4 o'clock this afternoon. Concluded with prayer.

4 *o'clock, P. M.*

The Assembly met, and was constituted with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The committee to whom was referred the resolution offered on the subject of intemperance, made a report, which being read and amended, was adopted, and is as follows, viz:

Resolved, That in view of the exceedingly heinous nature of the sin of intemperance, in the use of ardent spirits, as in direct opposition to the authority and moral government of God; its wide-spread prevalence infecting, as we are not without reason to apprehend, some members, and even officers of the church; the dreadful miseries it inflicts on society, in all its interests, physical, political, moral, and religious; and especially in view of the great guilt that rests on the Church in this matter, not merely from so many of her members participating in it, while others, with thoughtless insensibility, minister the means of its indulgence to its deluded victims; but especially in having greatly failed, as the light of the world and the salt of the earth, by her instructions, her example, her prayers, and her vigorous efforts every way, to stay the plague:—

This General Assembly do appoint the *fourth Thursday* of January, 1829, a day of *fasting, humiliation*, and *prayer;* with special reference to this sin; and recommend to all the people of their communion its solemn observance as such. Moreover, they give it in charge to all their ministers who may officiate on this occasion, by prayer and study to have their minds thoroughly impressed with a sense of the greatness of this sin; and to endeavour so to conduct the exercises of the sanctuary, that all the people to whom they may minister, may be brought most fully under the same impression, and aroused to a vigorous exertion of all the means which duty and sound discretion dictate, for arresting this hateful and desolating abomination.

The Assembly resumed the first appeal of Mr. James Taylor. The remaining proceedings of the inferior judicatories in the case were read. Mr. Timlow, on the part of the appellant, and the Synod were heard; after which Mr. Timlow and the Synod were considered as withdrawn from the house. The roll was then called, to give each member an opportunity to express his opinion: after which the final vote was taken, and the appeal of Mr. Taylor was not sustained; and the sentence of the Synod was affirmed.

The Committee of Conference reported, that after mature deliberation, they recommend the following resolutions, which were adopted, viz:

Resolved, That the Board of Missions already have the power to establish missions, not only among the destitute in our own country, or any other country, but also among the heathen, in any part of the world; to select, appoint, and commission missionaries, to determine their salaries, and to settle and pay their accounts; that they have full authority to correspond with any other body on the subject of missions; to appoint an executive committee, and an efficient agent or agents, to manage their missionary concerns; to take measures to form auxiliary societies, on such terms as they may deem proper; to procure funds; and in general, to manage the missionary operations of the General Assembly.

It is therefore submitted to the discretion of the Board of Missions, to consider whether it is expedient for them to carry into effect the full powers which they possess.

Resolved, That an addition of seven laymen be made to the present number of the Board of Missions.

The committee appointed to recommend suitable persons to be appointed a Board of Missions for the ensuing year, nominated the following, who were appointed, viz:

Ministers.—Ashbel Green, D. D. LL. D., James P. Wilson, D. D., Jacob J.

Janeway, D. D., Ezra Stiles Ely, D. D., George C. Potts, William L. M'Calla, James Patterson, William M. Engles, Archibald Alexander, D. D., Samuel Miller, D. D., Ebenezer Dickey, D. D., Stephen N. Rowan, D. D., Joseph M'Elroy, Ebenezer Fitch, D. D., John H. Kennedy, John Chester, D. D., John Johnson, Asa Hillyer, D. D., Robert Cathcart, D. D., Elisha M'Curdy, John H. Rice, D. D., James Blythe, D. D., Robert G. Wilson, D. D., John M. Wilson, Richard B. Cater, Duncan Brown, D. D.

Laymen—Robert Ralston, Robert Smith, John M'Mullin, Samuel Bayard, Robert Lenox, Zachariah Lewis, Renssalaer Havens, Peter Hawes, James Moore, George W. Blight, William Nassau, Samuel Morrow, Solomon Allen, Robert Wallace, Otis Ammidon.

The Rev. Absalom Peters, Secretary of the American Home Missionary Society, addressed the Assembly on the objects and operations of that Society.

The Board of Education of the General Assembly presented their annual report, which was read, accepted, and ordered to be printed in the appendix to the minutes.

The following persons, whose term of office had expired, were re-elected members of the Board of Education for four years, viz: Rev. Dr. Samuel Martin, Rev. Dr. William Neill, Rev. George C. Potts, Rev. William M. Engles, and Mr. James Stuart, Mr. Samuel Morrow, Mr. A. Brown, and Mr. Henry Potter.

Rev. Thomas J. Biggs was elected for four years, in the room of the Rev. Dr. Thomas H. Skinner, removed from the Presbyterian Church, and Rev. Henry R. Weed was elected for three years, in the room of the Rev. Dr. Samuel Blatchford, deceased.

The committee appointed to announce to Dr. M'Dowell his appointment as Professor in the Western Theological Seminary reported, that they had fulfilled the duty assigned them, and produced a letter from Dr. M'Dowell, declining the appointment, which letter was read: when it was

Resolved, That in view of the reason assigned by Dr. M'Dowell for declining his election to the office of Professor in the Western Theological Seminary, the Assembly express their desire that he retain this subject still under consideration.

The second appeal of Mr. James Taylor, from a decision of the Synod of Pittsburgh, was taken up. Rev. Thomas J. Biggs was appointed to manage Mr. Taylor's cause.

The decision of the Synod appealed from, the reasons assigned by the appellant for his appeal, which were on record, and all the proceedings of the inferior judicatories in the case, were read.

Mr. J. Baldwin, Mr. B. Baldwin, and Mr. Brown, nad leave of absence.

Adjourned till half-past 8 o'clock to-morrow morning. Concluded with prayer.

May 29th, half-past 8 o'clock, A. M.

The Assembly met, and was constituted with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The permanent clerk was directed to settle his account for services, the account for stationery, and the janitor's bill, by a draft on the Treasurer of the Trustees of the Assembly.

The committee to whom was referred the report on the subject of statistical returns made a report, which being read and amended, was adopted, and is as follows, viz:—

Resolved, 1st. That the form of sessional reports, published in the Minutes of the Assembly of 1825, and which shall be republished this year, shall continue to be the form used by the session of each church in reporting to the Presbytery to which it belongs.

2d. That in the sessional report the pastor or session be required to insert in the column headed "Missionary Funds" all sums of money collected or procured to be collected by said pastor or session from the congregation under his and their care for any evangelical mission, whether foreign or domestic; and particularly all sums collected for the Board of Missions under the care of the General Assembly, for the American Home Missionary Society, and for the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions; that under the caption of "Commissioners' Fund," be returned all moneys collected for defraying the expenses of Commissioners to the General Assembly, whether transmitted to the Treasurer of the Trustees of the General Assembly, or paid by the Presbytery itself to its own Commissioners; that under the head of "Theological Seminary Funds," be stated all funds collected for any Theological Seminary under the care of the General Assembly, or under the care of any Synod belonging to said Assembly; and that under the caption of "Education Funds" be returned all funds collected for promoting the charitable and religious education of persons in Sabbath Schools; and especially all money collected for the education of poor and pious youth, in academies, colleges, or Theological Seminaries, with a view to their becoming ministers of the gospe

3. That the form of a Presbyterial report herewith submitted, and to be published with the minutes of this year, be the form which Presbyteries shall employ in reporting to the General Assembly; and these reports in the columns presented shall be a transcript of the several items returned in the corresponding parts of the sessional report.

4th. That the Stated Clerk of each session be directed to make out, in each year, the sessional report to Presbytery up to the first day of April, and transmit the same to the Stated Clerk of that Presbytery to which the session belongs; and that the Stated Clerk of each Presbytery, on or before the first day of May in each year, be required to transmit by mail to the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly a Presbyterial report, bearing the date of April 1st, prepared from the sessional reports, according to the preceding resolution.

The second appeal of Mr. James Taylor was resumed. Mr. Biggs was heard on the part of the appellant; and the Synod in explanation of their decision. The roll was then called to give each member an opportunity to express his opinion. After which the final vote was taken, and the sentence of the Synod was affirmed.

The committee to whom was recommitted the Narrative on the State of Religion reported some amendments, when the Narrative was adopted, and ordered to be printed in the Appendix to the Minutes of the Assembly.

The committee to whom was referred the memorial from the Synod of West Tennessee complaining of the Assembly of 1826, because they admitted the verbal testimony of a delegate to set aside a written document from the Synod of Tennessee, and on that account, in dividing the Synod, granted them only a part of their request—complaining also of the privilege granted by the Assembly to the missionaries among the Cherokees, as found in the printed Minutes of 1826, pages 21, 24, and 27: and requesting that the privilege there referred to may be rescinded—made the following report, which was adopted, viz:—

1. That it does not appear, either from the Minutes of the Assembly, or from the memorial, what part, if any, of the request of the Synod of Tennessee was refused to be granted. The Assembly, therefore, can grant no relief till the grievance be specified and understood.

2. That in regard to the privilege granted to the Cherokee missionaries to join such Presbyteries as should be most convenient and agreeable to themselves, the Assembly do not perceive any particular grievance, either to the missionaries, or to the Synod of West Tennessee; yet, as it seems to have given some dissatisfaction, and is out of the usual course, therefore,

Resolved, That the aforesaid act, contained on page 27 of the printed Minutes of 1826, be rescinded, and that the missionaries be, and they hereby are directed, to connect themselves with those Presbyteries, within whose territorial bounds they may reside.

The Assembly having completed its business, the roll was called, agreeably to a standing rule, and it was found that the following members had left the Assembly without leave, viz: Rev. Edward L. Parker, Rev. Samuel C. Aiken, Rev. Ebenezer Cheever, Rev. Dr. Samuel Miller, and Dr. John T. Woodhull, and Mr. David H. Mason, ruling elders.

Resolved, That this Assembly be dissolved; and that another Assembly, chosen in the same manner, be required to meet in the First Presbyterian Church in this city, on the third Thursday in May, 1829, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

Concluded with prayer, singing, and the Apostolical benediction.

STATISTICAL REPORT.

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, on the first of June A. D. 1828, had under its care sixteen Synods, viz:

I. The Synod of Albany, containing the Presbyteries of 1. Londonderry, 2. Newburyport, 3. Champlain, 4. St. Lawrence, 5. Ogdensburg, 6. Oswego, 7. Oneida, 8. Otsego, 9. Albany, 10. Troy 11. Columbia.

II. The Synod of New York, containing the Presbyteries of 1. Hudson, 2. North River 3. Long Island, 4. New York 5. New York Second.

III. The Synod of New Jersey, containing the Presbyteries of 1. Newark, 2. Elizabethtown, 3. New Brunswick, 4. Newton, 5. Susquehanna.

IV. The Synod of Geneva, containing the Presbyteries of 1. Chenango, 2. Cortland 3. Onondaga, 4. Cayuga, 5. Geneva, 6. Bath.

V. The Synod of Genessee, containing the Presbyteries of 1. Ontario, 2. Rochester, 3. Genessee, 4. Niagara, 5. Buffalo.

VI. The Synod of Philadelphia, containing the Presbyteries of 1. Philadelphia, 2. New Castle, 3. Lewes, 4. Baltimore, 5. The District of Columbia, 6. Carlisle, 7. Huntingdon, 8. Northumberland.

VII. The Synod of Pittsburgh, containing the Presbyteries of 1. Allegheny, 2. Erie, 3. Hartford, 4. Redstone, 5. Steubenville, 6. Washington, 7. Ohio.

VIII. The Synod of the Western Reserve, containing the Presbyteries of 1. Detroit, 2. Grand River 3. Portage 4. Huron, 5. Trumbull.

IX. The Synod of Ohio, containing the Presbyteries of 1. Columbus, 2. Richland, 3. Chillicothe, 4. Lancaster, 5. Athens, 6. Miami, 7. Cincinnati.

X. The Synod of Indiana, containing the Presbyteries of 1. Salem, 2. Madison, 3. Wabash, 4. Missouri.

XI. The Synod of Kentucky, containing the Presbyteries of 1. Louisville, 2. Muhlenberg, 3. Transylvania, 4. West Lexington, 5. Ebenezer.

XII. The Synod of Virginia, containing the Presbyteries of 1. Winchester, 2. Hanover, 3. Lexington.

XIII. The Synod of North Carolina, containing the Presbyteries of 1. Orange, 2. Fayetteville, 3. Concord, 4. Mecklenburgh.

XIV. The Synod of Tennessee, containing the Presbyteries of 1. Abingdon, 2. Union, 3. Holston 4. French Broad.

XV. The Synod of West Tennessee, containing the Presbyteries of 1. West Tennessee, 2. Shiloh, 3. Mississippi, 4. North Alabama.

XVI. The Synod of South Carolina and Georgia, containing the Presbyteries of 1. South Carolina, 2. Bethel, 3. Hopewell, 4. Charleston Union, 5. Harmony, 6. Georgia, 7. South Alabama.

The foregoing 16 Synods comprehend 90 Presbyteries, under whose watch and government, are returned *twelve hundred and eighty-five* ordained ministers; 194 licensed preachers; 242 candidates for the gospel ministry, who are pursuing their studies; 1968 churches; and 146,308 communicants, of whom 15,095 were added the last year, on examination, or by certificate. If we subtract the communicants removed by certificate from one church to another, and those removed by death, we shall find the actual increase of communicants in the year ending May 1st, 1828, to be 11,023; and the actual increase in the year ending May 1st, 1827, amounted to 7793. The increase of the last year was greater than in the year previous, by 3230.

The adults baptized the last year were 3389; and the infants 10,790; making a total of 14,179 baptisms; which exceed those of the year ending May 1st, 1827, by 785.

From *six Presbyteries* no returns have been made this year, of additions to the church, baptisms, and pecuniary collections. In the eighty-four Presbyteries which have reported, are included several hundred churches which have made no returns last year, to their respective Presbyteries.

The funds collected and reported are $23,993 59 for missionary purposes; $2851 36 to defray the travelling expenses of commissioners to the General Assembly; $516 13 for the clerk hire, and other contingent expenses of Presbyteries; $3353 69 in aid of Theological Seminaries; and $8023 29 for the education of poor and pious youth who have in view the gospel ministry.

The vacant churches actually returned are 591; but we may safely say, since six Presbyteries are not brought into the account, that there are now 636 churches, duly organized in our connection, which have neither pastors nor stated preachers; nor any but occasional missionaries to break unto them the bread of life. Our licentiates and candidates amount to no more than 436 persons; so that were they all actually settled in our vacancies, 200 congregations would remain destitute of spiritual guides. Before, however, our candidates can be fitted for, and introduced to their work, new congregations will be multiplied more rapidly than preachers; unless our lamentable deficiency in the number of our labourers should discourage their organization in the Presbyterian form. Of our ministers, 226 supply 502 churches; being intrusted with from two to four each. Of our ministers, thirty are pastors of Congregational churches, not under the care of any Presbytery.

SUMMARY VIEW OF THE PRESBYTERIES, PREPARED BY THE STATED CLERK.

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Londonderry	15	1		10	143	1349	24	95	119	$5 50	$16 30			
Newburyp'rt	14	1	2	6	30	612	7	46	53	37 05	1 00			$32 25
Champlain	16	1	2	12	49	531	11	37	48	88 01	24 82		$57 00	
St. Lawrence	19	1	2	25	135	1771	30	116	146	951 00	37 76			118 75
Ogdensburg	11			10	62	891	11	71	82		7 00			
Oswego	10	1	1	19	115	1361	18	68	86	88 11	9 47	$9 00	17 55	50 00
Oneida	43	8	4	30	435	3908	128	207	335	949 97	88 96			135 88
Otsego	4		2	12	34	1190	7	52	59	50	17 72		9 00	50
Albany	39	4	31	33	249	4522	37	222	259	484 50	118 28		56 00	601 00
Troy	15	1	7	24	240	2401	101	65	166	35 69	62 90			121 83
Columbia	20	3	2	13	298	1344	103	108	211		44 00			
Hudson	19	3	6	25	66	2546	14	91	105	20 40	19 88			18 98
North River	19		4	22	179	1741	80	92	173	30 59	33 87			15 20
Long Island	15	2	2	16	18	952	5	60	65	89 69	20 19			34 00
New York	29	6	8	24	460	5921	68	285	353	1769 21	206 16		121 34	1473 48
New York 2d	11	5	4	6	55	1097	4	23	27		15 00	3 62	310 00	
Newark	21	9		19	192	4000	36	179	215	28 50	52 00			160 58
Elizabetht'n	22	4	5	17	93	3488	25	145	170	67 57	57 57			106 62
N. Brunsw'k	25	12	5	18	401	1803	202	158	360	125 48	31 90		116 75	28 30
Newton	15			31	79	3069	16	160	176	43 18	27 29			41 24
Susquehana	13		4	30	55	1110	29	96	125	6 35	24 32			19 53
Chenango	12	1	2	11	73	763	13	77	90	101 94	7 98		62 50	78 38
Cortland	12			15	228	1721	45	107	152	168 29				120 82
Onondaga	15	3		21	253	1687	77	130	207		36 76			
Cayuga	29	10	11	43	332	3357	101	249	350	911 04	49 69		5 00	100 27
Geneva	32	1		31	292	3161	69	339	408	2623 53	65 64		25 00	110 00
Bath	15	3		25	123	1180	39	118	157		12 00			
Ontario	12	1	2	18	71	1064	11	65	76	481 54	20 09		10 00	22 68
Rochester	12	3		16	274	1154	59	128	187	1500 00	67 69			
Genessee	17	1	2	25	59	954	20	75	95	88 44	33 34		5 00	30 06
Niagara	8			13		340								
Buffalo	13			30	144	1003	22	92	114	196 00	27 29	9 00		80 00
Philadelphia	36	13	19	42	479	6743	104	376	480	929 43	111 17	39 42	242 24	1034 84
New Castle	23	7	18	35	230	3655	62	265	327	95 50	33 00		17 00	467 30
Lewes	6	2	2	18	21	700	1	50	51					
Baltimore	10	6	5	7	150	926	9	60	69	39 74	20 00	20 00		236 61
Dis. Columb.	10	5	1	8	150	817	24	73	97	47 89		41 00	10 00	100 50
Carlisle	27	4	5	41	350	4551	76	371	447	100 03	36 00			25 00
Huntingdon	12	2		31	194	2628	30	299	329	18 00	36 00			
Northumb'd	12	3	1	20	79	1392	9	178	187	232 44	35 00			35 00
Allegheny	9		1	24	119	1525	12	129	141	144 52	30 41			5 00
Erie	12	1		30	254	1344	56	145	197	227 55	33 72	1 50		18 00
Hartford	11		2	26	181	2490	10	236	246	443 58	27 89			
Redstone	23	1		43	375	4294	38	438	476	1062 04	64 01			65 35
Steubenville	12		1	24	201	1972	24	205	229	824 84	18 17	5 64		89 49
Washington	11	7		17	416	2052	55	220	275	1100 75	21 44			26 00
Ohio	21	3	3	21	345	2816	34	214	278	585 54	59 53			101 00
Detroit	6			6										
Grand River	12	1	1	22	28	967	1	73	74	78 00	13 00	1 00		15 00
Portage	12			21	117	945	30	110	140	345 00	12 02			
Huron	14	2		32	79	748	10	66	76	50 78	30 51			
Trumbull	11		1	18	37	381	4	63	67		8 90			
Columbus	8			23	144	995	10	114	124	53 71	19 31			11 00
Richland	11	2		34	197	1380	18	188	196	12 34	40 00			
Chillicothe	12		1	22	108	1293	11	128	139	264 42	67 25	3 00		197 03
Lancaster	9	1		32	122	1350	5	179	184	47 56	55 47			7 75
Athens	5			11	28	488	8	32	40	23 31	12 46	4 00		4 25
Miami	9	1	2	23	146	1256	24	114	138	60 43	55 11			77 16
Cincinnati	13	2	4	24	106	1411	6	86	92	50 57	74 73	6 75		37 46
Salem	6		1	13	45	470	6	46	52	48 55	3 12			2 00
Madison	6			15	82	582	13	114	127	42 57	75	3 15		
Wabash	5			19		277								
Missouri	7		1	17	25	521		7	7					
Louisville	8			15	93	614	17	68	85	83 00	22 70	11 50		70 68
Muhlenberg	7	1		20	21	286	6	22	28	27 75	20 94			37 00
Transylva'ia	11	2	5	19	1020	1947	390	146	536	138 50		15 33		60 00
W.Lexington	13			16	121	600	23	60	83		5 00			
Ebenezer	5			18	473	1451	94	79	173	556 52	59 50			
Winchester	14	2	2	22	53	824	10	76	86	130 28		21 87	73 25	253 44
Hanover	26	13	5	34	210	1883	42	149	191	591 58	77 00	3 00	212 33	408 89
Lexington	22	3	6	37	137	3286	16	248	264	107 66	115 50		11 27	41 12
Orange	22	3	4	34	114	1424	43	110	153	70 50	73 00	6 50	239 50	181 77
Fayetteville	10			39		1933								
Concord	13			30	123	1633	19	127	136		36 00	6 00	54 46	
Mecklenburg	7			15		1645								
Abingdon	7	2	1	10	54	673	5	38	43					
Union	19	2	9	27	417	1897	124	189	313			25 75	1550 00	5 00
Holston	8	5	12	14	311	1825	74	114	168	90 00		4 00		
FrenchBroad	8		2	9	114	774	45	66	111			15 75	148 50	86 00

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W. Tennessee	15	2	1	23	157	1155	28	117	145	$95 75	$8 00	$4 00		$273 50
Shiloh	9	1	1	21	216	915	38	93	131		66 17	12 00		139 25
Mississippi	14		1	21	280	680	21	135	156	135 81	47 06	9 37		91 37
N. Alabama	10		3	15	85	524	27	38	65	188 00				249 18
S. Carolina	12	2	3	35	166	1933	29	76	105			53 68		
Bethel	8	1		16	131	1521	27	165	192	107 70	25 55	4 00		
Hopewell	15	4	3	31	414	1433	55	89	126					
Char. Union	11	1		4	75	626	49	17	66	3500 00				
Harmony	12		2	21	174	1002	77	90	169		100 09			70 00
Georgia	9		1	6	50	239	6	22	28	170 00	40 00	176 00		
S. Alabama	17	2	2	26	152	625	22	121	143	179 37				
Total 90	1285	194	242	1968	15095	146308	3389	10790	13950	$23993 59	$2851 36	$516 13	$3353 69	$8023 29

The following Ministers have died within the last year.

Rev. John Bascom, of the Presbytery of Cayuga; Daniel Banks, St. Lawrence; Samuel Blatchford, D. D., John Younglove, Troy; Caleb Alexander, D. D., Onondaga; Ebenezer Lazell, Bath; Wm. Pennington, (coloured man,) Newark; Robert Russell, Newton; Joseph Moulton, Susquehannah; Joseph Eastburn, John Gloucester, Philadelphia; Thomas Kennedy, Lewes; William Moffit, District of Columbia; Thomas L. Birch, Baltimore; William Swain, Redstone; Thomas Marquis, Washington; Lyman Potter, Steubenville; John Field, Portage; Salmon Giddings, Missouri; Samuel J. Scott, Wabash; William Henderson, Samuel H. Nelson, Transylvania; Joseph P. Howe, Ebenezer; James Turner, Hanover; Titus J. Barton, Shiloh; Joseph D. Logan, Lexington; Ard Hoyt, Union; Andrew K. Davies, North Alabama; A. H. Webster, Hopewell; T. Charlton Henry, D. D., Reynolds Bascom, Charleston Union; with several licentiate preachers of the Gospel.

1829.

PHILADELPHIA, May 21, 1829.

THE General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, in the United States of America, met agreeably to appointment, in the first Presbyterian Church, in the city of Philadelphia, May 21st, 1829, at 11 o'clock, A. M., and was opened with a sermon by the Rev. Ezra Stiles Ely, D. D. the Moderator of the last Assembly, from Romans xv. 19. "I have fully preached the Gospel of Christ."

After prayer, commissions were called for, and delivered to the Permanent Clerk, who was appointed to receive and examine them.

The Assembly then had a recess until 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

4 o'clock, P. M.

The Assembly met.

The Permanent Clerk reported that the following persons have been duly appointed Commissioners to this General Assembly, viz:—

PRESBYTERY OF LONDONDERRY—*Minister*—Rev. John M. Whiton. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF NEWBURYPORT — *Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF CHAMPLAIN—*Minister*—Rev. Samuel L. Crosby. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF WATERTOWN—*Ministers*—Rev. Adams W. Platt, George S. Boardman. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF OGDENSBURGH—*Minister*—Richard C. Hand. *Elder*—Mr. Benjamin Smith.

PRESBYTERY OF OSWEGO—*Minister*—Rev. Samuel Swezey. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF ONEIDA—*Ministers*—Rev. Henry Hotchkiss, Robert Everett, Herman Norton. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF OTSEGO—*Minister*—Rev. John Smith. *Elder*—Mr. Daniel Beebee.

PRESBYTERY OF ALBANY—*Ministers*—Rev. James Wood, James V. Henry, Thomas S. Wickes, Erskine Mason. *Elders*—Mr. Ananias Platt, John M. Benedict, Henry Doolittle.

PRESBYTERY OF TROY—*Ministers*—Rev. Nathan S. S. Beman, Amos Savage, Jr. *Elder*—Mr. Smith Griffith.

PRESBYTERY OF COLUMBIA—*Ministers*—Rev. Archibald Bassett, Clark H. Goodrich. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF CHENANGO—*Ministers*—Rev. John M. Babbit, Nahum Gould. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF CORTLAND—*Minister*—Rev. John Keep. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF ONONDAGA—*Ministers*—Rev. Hutchins Taylor, Hiram H. Kellogg. *Elder*—Abel Caldwell.

PRESBYTERY OF CAYUGA — *Ministers*—Rev. Dirck C. Lansing, D. D., Timothy Stow, George Taylor. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF GENEVA—*Ministers*—Rev. Henry P. Strong, Azariah G. Orton, Joseph Brackett. *Elders*—Hugh M'Allister, Simeon Van Auken.

PRESBYTERY OF BATH—*Minister*—Rev. Eleazar Lathrop. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF ANGELICA—*Minister*—Rev. Moses Hunter. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF ONTARIO—*Minister*—Rev. Silas C. Brown. *Elders*—Mr. Noah Ashley, Elisha Parish.

PRESBYTERY OF ROCHESTER—*Ministers*—Rev. George G. Sill, Herman Halsey. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF GENESSEE—*Minister*—Rev. John F. Bliss. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF NIAGARA—*Minister*—Rev. Silas Parsons. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF BUFFALO—*Minister*—Rev. Elihu Mason. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF HUDSON—*Ministers*—Rev. Andrew Thompson, Edwin Downer. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF NORTH RIVER—*Ministers*—Rev. John Johnston, Alonzo Welton. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF LONG ISLAND — *Ministers*—Rev. Nehemiah B. Cook, Ithamar Pillsbury. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF NEW YORK—*Ministers*—Rev. Gardiner Spring, D. D., Robert M'Cartee, Samuel H. Cox, D. D. *Elders*—Mr. Adrian Van Sinderen, Archibald Falconer.

PRESBYTERY OF NEW YORK, (2d.) — *Minister*—Rev. William D. Snodgrass. *Elder*—Samuel Boyd.

PRESBYTERY OF NEWARK—*Ministers*—Rev. Aaron Condit, Noah Crane. *Elders*—Mr. Henry Harrison, Horace Ford.

PRESBYTERY OF ELIZABETHTOWN—*Ministers*—Rev. David Magie, Daniel H. Johnson. *Elders*—Jacob Davis, Joseph Crowell.

PRESBYTERY OF NEW BRUNSWICK—*Ministers*—Rev. Charles Hodge, William H. Woodhull. *Elder*—Dr. G. S. Woodhull.

PRESBYTERY OF NEWTON—*Minister*—Rev. Jacob Kirkpatrick. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF SUSQUEHANNA—*Minister*—Rev. Cyrus Gildersleeve. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF PHILADELPHIA—*Ministers*—Rev. Ashbel Green, D. D., Thos. H. Skinner, D. D., Joseph Sanford, Sylvester Scovel. *Elders*—Matthew L. Bevan, Jacob Mitchell, James Moore, Furman Leaming.

PRESBYTERY OF NEW CASTLE—*Minister*—Rev. Amzi Babbit. *Elders*—Mr. Amos Slaymaker, James Patterson.

PRESBYTERY OF LEWES—*Minister*—Rev. John Mitchelmore. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF BALTIMORE—*Minister*—Rev. John Breckinridge. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF CARLISLE—*Ministers*—Rev. Alexander M'Clelland, Matthew L. Fullerton, Daniel M'Kinley. *Elders*—Mr. James Agnew, John Kennedy.

PRESBYTERY OF HUNTINGDON—*Minister*—Rev. John Coulter. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF NORTHUMBERLAND—*Minister*—Rev. John H. Grier, George Junkin. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF ALLEGHENY—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF ERIE—*Minister*—Rev. Peter Hassinger. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF HARTFORD—*Minister*—Rev. William Reed. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF REDSTONE—*Ministers*—Rev. Andrew O. Patterson, John H. Agnew. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF STEUBENVILLE—*Minister*—Rev. William M'Millan. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF WASHINGTON, Pa.—*Minister*—Rev. Andrew Wylie, D. D. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF OHIO—*Minister*—Rev. Francis Herron, D. D. *Elder*—Mr. Harmer Denny.

PRESBYTERY OF DETROIT—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF GRAND RIVER—*Minister*—Rev. Myron Tracy. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF PORTAGE—*Minister*—Rev. Samuel Bissell. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF HURON—*Minister*—Rev. Daniel W. Lathrop. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF TRUMBULL—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF COLUMBUS—*Minister*—Rev. James Hoge, D. D. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF RICHLAND—*Ministers*—Rev. Thomas Barr, Jacob Wolf. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF CHILLICOTHE—*Minister*—Rev. Dyer Burgess. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF LANCASTER—*Minister*—Rev. William Wallace. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF ATHENS—*Minister*—Rev. Augustus Pomeroy. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF MIAMI—*Minister*—Rev. Peter Monfort. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF CINCINNATI—*Minister*—Rev. Benjamin Graves. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF SALEM—*Minister*—Rev. Tilly H. Brown. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF MADISON—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF WABASH—*Minister*—Rev. Samuel R. Alexander. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of Centre of Illinois—*Minister*—Rev. John M. Ellis. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of Missouri—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of Louisville—*Minister*—Rev. Andrew A. Shannon. *Elder*—Mr. John W. Hundley.

Presbytery of Muhlenberg—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of Transylvania—*Minister*—Rev. Thomas Cleland, D. D. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of West Lexington—*Minister*—Rev. John Hudson. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of Ebenezer—*Minister*—Rev. Andrew Todd. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of Winchester—*Ministers*—Rev. William H. Foote, Septimus Tustin. *Elder*—Mr. John T. Cookus.

Presbytery of Hanover—*Ministers*—Rev. Benjamin H. Rice, Shepard K. Kollock, Amasa Converse. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of Lexington—*Ministers*—Rev. Abner W. Kilpatrick, William G. Campbell. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of Orange—*Ministers*—Rev. Wm. S. Plumer, Samuel L. Graham. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of Fayetteville—*Minister*—Rev. Colin M'Iver. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of Concord—*Ministers*—Rev. Daniel Gould, Jesse Rankin. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of Abingdon—*Minister*—Rev. Dugald M'Intyre. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of Union—*Minister*—Rev. Thomas Brown. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of Holston—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of French Broad—*Minister*—Rev. William Minnis. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of West Tennessee—*Minister*—Rev. Lewis M'Leod. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of Shiloh—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of Mississippi—*Minister*—Rev. John Dorrance. *Elder*—None

Presbytery of North Alabama—*Minister*—Rev. John Allen. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of South Carolina—*Minister*—Rev. Aaron Foster. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of Bethel—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of Hopewell—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of Charleston Union—*Minister*—Rev. Aaron W. Leland, D. D. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of Harmony—*Minister*—Rev. John Joyce. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of Georgia—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of South Alabama—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

General Association of Connecticut—Rev. Thomas Punderson, Samuel Backus.

General Association of Massachusetts—Rev. James Bradford.

General Association of New Hampshire—Rev. Isaac Robinson.

General Convention of Vermont—Rev. John Hough.

Reformed Dutch Church—None.

German Reformed Church—None.

General Conference of Maine—Rev. Asa Mead.

The permanent Clerk also reported, that several commissions had been handed

to him which are not in due form; and also that the Rev. Andrew Thompson, of the Presbytery of Hudson, and the Rev. Daniel W. Lathrop, of the Presbytery of Huron, had appeared in the Assembly without their commissions.

Mr. Kirkpatrick and Mr. John Johnson were appointed a committee of elections and the informal commissions, and also the cases of Mr. Thompson and Mr. Lathrop were referred to them.

After examination this committee reported in favour of receiving the commissions referred to them; and the persons named in them were enrolled in the list of members. They also reported that they had received satisfactory oral testimony that Mr. Thompson and Mr. Lathrop had been appointed Commissioners by their respective Presbyteries: whereupon the Assembly resolved, that the Rev. Andrew Thompson, of the Presbytery of Hudson, and the Rev. Daniel W. Lathrop, of the Presbytery of Huron, be admitted members of the Assembly, and that their names be enrolled in the list of members.

The Rev. Benjamin H. Rice was elected Moderator, and the Rev. Robert M'Cartee was appointed Temporary Clerk.

At the call of the roll the Stated Clerk furnished the members of the Assembly with the printed minutes of the last Assembly.

The Stated Clerk, agreeably to a standing rule, presented a docket of business, which was read.

A letter was received and read from a committee of "the Pennsylvania Society for discouraging the use of ardent spirits," in which they request the use of the church in which the Assembly meet, on Monday evening next, for the purpose of holding in it their second anniversary. Resolved, That the request be granted, and that the Permanent Clerk inform the committee of this resolution.

Dr. Leland, Mr. Snodgrass, Mr. Henry, Mr. Erskine Mason, Mr. E. Lathrop, Mr. John Johnston, and Mr. M'Clelland, *Ministers;* with Mr. Falconer, Mr. Boyd, Dr. Woodhull, and Mr. Mitchell, *Elders,* were appointed a committee of bills and overtures, to meet immediately after the adjournment of the Assembly this evening, and afterwards on their own adjournments.

Adjourned till 9 o'clock to-morrow morning. Concluded with prayer.

May 22, 9 *o'clock, A. M.*

The Assembly met, and was constituted with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

Dr. Erastus Williams, a ruling elder from the Presbytery of Albany, Mr. Francis Markoe, a ruling elder from the Presbytery of New York, and the Rev. Samuel Martin, D. D., from the Presbytery of New Castle, appeared in the Assembly, and their commissions being read, took their seats as members.

Dr. Skinner, Mr. Plumer, Mr. Strong, Mr. Boyd, and Mr. Moore, were appointed a committee on the subject of temperance.

Resolved, That the Board of Missions have leave to substitute such other services as they may judge proper, in the place of the annual sermon.

Resolved, That it be the order of the day for to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock to receive the Report of the Board of Missions.

The committee on psalmody reported, and their report was accepted and committed, with the book which the committee have prepared, and have had printed, to Dr. Hoge, Dr. Skinner, Dr. Cleland, Dr. Leland, Mr. Sanford, Mr. Hodge, and Mr. Rankin, with instructions to report during the sessions of the present Assembly.

The General Association of New Hampshire, the German Reformed Synod, the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church, the General Association of Connecticut, and the General Association of Massachusetts, each presented to the Assembly a number of copies of the minutes of the last meetings of their

respective bodies. These minutes were committed to Mr. M'Iver and Mr. Foote, to distribute among the members.

The delegate from the General Conference of Maine, reported that said Conference has adopted the articles of Union and Correspondence proposed by the last General Assembly, with the exception of the third article, in place of which they propose the following, viz: "while the General Conference of Maine has not, nor does it claim, an ecclesiastical jurisdiction over the particular Conferences, Associations, Councils, or Churches in its connection, it cheerfully unites with the General Assembly in the expression of the opinion that it is irregular for any ordained minister, licentiate, candidate for licensure, or church member, to be received into ecclesiastical connection within the limits of the corresponding bodies, from the other, without due testimonials."

Resolved, by this General Assembly, That the above substitute be adopted as an article of correspondence with the General Conference of Maine, in the place of the third article proposed by the last General Assembly.

Dr. Cox, Dr. Hoge, Mr. William G. Campbell, Dr. Cleland, Mr. Bradford, Mr. Van Sinderen, and Mr. Leaming, were appointed a judicial committee to meet on the adjournment of the Assembly this morning, and afterwards on their own adjournments.

Mr. Bevan, Mr. Hundley, and Mr. Falconer, were appointed a committee to receive an account of the miles travelled by the Commissioners to the Assembly, and to make an apportionment of the Commissioners' fund, agreeably to a standing rule on the subject.

The following committees were appointed to examine the Synodical Records, viz:—

Records of the Synod of Albany, Dr. Herron, Dr. Skinner, and Mr. Falconer.

Records of the Synod New York, Dr. Lansing, Mr. H. P. Strong, and Mr. M'Allister.

Records of the Synod of New Jersey, Mr. Beman, Mr. Savage, and Mr. Benedict.

Records of the Synod of Geneva, Mr. Kirkpatrick, Mr. Gildersleeve, and Mr. Davis.

Records of the Synod of Genessee, Mr. D. W. Lathrop, Mr. Bissell, and Mr. James Agnew.

Records of the Synod of Philadelphia, Dr. Spring, Mr. Keep, and Mr. Ananias Platt.

Records of the Synod of Pittsburgh, Dr. Hoge, Mr. D. H. Johnson, and Mr. Bevan.

Records of the Synod of the Western Reserve, Mr. Sanford, Mr. Grier, and Mr. Moore.

Records of the Synod of Ohio, Mr. Graham, Mr. Pillsbury, and Mr. Doolittle.

Records of the Synod of Indiana, Mr. H. Taylor, Mr. Downer, and Mr. Caldwell.

Records of the Synod of Kentucky, Mr. M'Iver, Mr. D. Gould, and Mr. Cookus.

Records of the Synod of Virginia, Dr. Cleland, Mr. Shannon, and Mr. Kennedy.

Records of the Synod of North Carolina, Dr. Cox, Mr. Wickes, and Mr. Ford.

Records of the Synod of Tennessee, Mr. Foster, Mr. N. B. Cook, and Mr. Ashley.

Records of the Synod of West Tennessee, Mr. Norton, Mr. J. Smith, and Mr. Beebee.

Records of the Synod of South Carolina and Georgia, Mr. Beckwith, Mr. J. M. Babbit, and Mr. B. Smith.

Mr. Kollock, Mr. Hodge. Mr. D. W. Lathrop, Mr. Backus, and Mr. Mead, were appointed a committee to take notes, and prepare a narrative of the state of religion.

Dr. Green, Dr. Skinner, and Mr. Sanford, were appointed a committee of arrangements for the religious services of Wednesday next.

The Permanent Clerk informed the Assembly that there had been put into his hands papers purporting to be a complaint of the Church of Indianapolis, against proceedings of the Synod of Indiana; a complaint of the Presbytery of Mississippi against the Synod of South Carolina and Georgia; a complaint and petition of David Price, of Genoa, in the Presbytery of Cayuga; a complaint of the Presbytery of Huron, a complaint of the Presbytery of Union, and an appeal of John Ward, from a decision of the Synod of Genessee. The above papers were referred to the Judicial Committee.

A letter was received from the Board of Managers of the American Sunday School Union, offering the use of their room to the members of the General Assembly, with the use of the religious magazines and newspapers on their table. Resolved, That the thanks of the Assembly be presented to the Board of Managers of the American Sunday School Union.

A memorial from Mr. Tobias Boudinot, relative to the will of the late Dr. Elias Boudinot, was received and read, and referred to the Trustees of the General Assembly, to report thereon.

A communication was read from the Rev. Dr. John M'Dowell, declining the appointment of Professor of Ecclesiastical History and Church Government in the Western Theological Seminary. His declinature was accepted.

A letter was received from the Board of Congregational Ministers in London and vicinity, which was read and committed to Dr. Leland, Mr. Breckinridge, and Mr. D. W. Lathrop, to prepare an answer. Ordered, that the above letter be printed in the appendix to the minutes of the Assembly.

A petition from the Synod of Tennessee, that the Southern and Western Theological Seminary may be taken under the care of the General Assembly, was presented and referred to Dr. Wylie, Dr. Hoge, Mr. Foote, Mr. Boyd, and Mr. Hundley.

A communication was received from the General Association of Massachusetts, on the amendments proposed by the last Assembly to the articles of correspondence, which was read, and referred to Dr. Spring, Mr. Converse, and Mr. Graham.

The delegates to the last meeting of the German Reformed Synod, and also the delegates to the last meeting of the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church, made reports, which were read and accepted.

Adjourned till this afternoon at 4 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

4 o'clock, P. M.

The Assembly met, and was constituted with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

Rev. John Monteith, from the Presbytery of Oneida; and the Rev. Albert Helfenstein, from the German Reformed Synod, appeared in the Assembly, and their commissions being read, took their seats as members.

The Judicial committee reported three items of business, which had been committed to them; marked Nos. 2, 4, and 5, and recommended that each be referred to a special committee.

No. 2. viz. A complaint and request of the Presbytery of Mississippi, was read and committed to Mr. Thompson, Mr. Welton, and Mr. Kilpatrick.

No. 4. viz. A complaint of the Presbytery of Huron, was read and committed to Dr. Martin, Mr. A. Babbit, and Mr. M'Kinley.

No. 5. viz. A complaint of the Presbytery of Union, was read and committed to Mr. M'Iver, Mr. Rankin, and Mr. D. Gould.

The committee of overtures reported a number of items of business, marked Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, which were put on the docket.

A box containing copies of the last annual report of the Board of Commissioners for foreign missions, and some missionary papers, was received from the Treasurer of that Board, and the publications were distributed among the members of the General Assembly.

The committee to which was referred the communication from the General Association of Massachusetts, on the amendments proposed by the last Assembly, in the articles of correspondence, made the following report, which was adopted, viz.

That the original articles are silent on the subject presented in the proposal of the General Assembly and in the reply of the General Association of Massachusetts; and that the principles of intercourse were in all respects governed by sentiments of mutual courtesy and confidence. While your committee would have been gratified, by a prompt acquiescence of the General Association of Massachusetts, in the additional article proposed by the Assembly, yet they do not perceive in the reply of the Association, anything that should interrupt the intercourse which has existed between them from the beginning.

The Assembly were informed that Mr. Thomas Hastings is at present in this city, and is willing to address the Assembly on the subject of Psalmody. *Resolved*, That Mr. Sanford and Dr. Skinner be a committee to wait on Mr. Hastings, and request him to address the Assembly to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

A letter from the editors of the "Archives of Christianity in the nineteenth century," in answer to the letter sent by the last General Assembly to the Protestant churches in France; and also a letter from the Rev. St. Pilet-Joly, pastor of the French Walloon church of Frankfort on the Main, in answer to the same, were received and read; and committed, the first to Mr. Hodge, Mr. Bradford, and Mr. Hough; and the second to Dr. Hoge, Mr. Graves, and Mr. Monfort, that they might report answers to the same.

Ordered, That the above letters be published in the appendix to the minutes.

The committee on the subject of temperance made a report, which was read, and laid on the table till to-morrow morning.

The delegate to the General Association of New Hampshire and the General Convention of Vermont, made a report, from which it appeared that he had been prevented from attending the former body, but had attended the latter.

The Permanent Clerk reported, that there had been handed to him a complaint against a decision of the Synod of Albany in the case of Henry Mallory, by members in the minority of said Synod. This complaint was referred to the Judicial committee.

A letter from the Consistory of the Consistorial Church of Mens, in answer to the letter of the last Assembly to the French Protestant churches, was received and read, and committed to the same committee to whom was referred the letter from the editors of the "Archives of Christianity."

Ordered, That this letter also be published in the appendix to the minutes of the Assembly.

Adjourned till 9 o'clock to-morrow morning. Concluded with prayer.

May 23d, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Assembly met, and was constituted with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

Mr. Milton W. Hopkins, a ruling elder from the Presbytery of Niagara; Mr. Walter King, a ruling elder from the Presbytery of Oneida; Mr. Parley Coburn, a ruling elder from the Presbytery of Susquehanna; the Rev. James H. Johnston, from the Presbytery of Madison; the Rev. Benjamin Ogden,

from the Presbytery of New Brunswick; Mr. Parsons Carter, a ruling elder from the Presbytery of Mississippi; the Rev. John Munson, from the Presbytery of Allegheny; and William Ladd, Esq., a delegate from the General Conference of Maine, appeared in the Assembly, and their commissions being read, took their seats as members.

The report of the committee on the subject of temperance was taken up, and the consideration of it postponed until after the reports on the state of religion shall have been received.

A communication from the Rev. John Ford of Parsippany, N. J., in relation to the memorial of Tobias Boudinot, Esq., yesterday presented, was received and read, and referred to the Trustees of the General Assembly.

At 10 o'clock, agreeably to a request of the Assembly, Mr. Thomas Hastings addressed the Assembly on the subject of Psalmody; after which it was resolved, that the committee appointed to invite Mr. Hastings, express to him the thanks of the Assembly for his address.

The Board of Missions presented their annual report, parts of which were read. The report was referred to Dr. Martin, Mr. Monteith, Mr. Graham, Mr. Markoe, and Mr. Hundley.

The commitee appointed to examine the Records of the Synod of the Western Reserve, reported, and the records were approved.

Overture No. 1. viz: The following question, in relation to candidates for the ministry, and the duty of churches towards them, proposed, with the view of producing a more definite understanding, and a more uniform practice in churches and Presbyteries respecting them, viz:

"At what period of their preparatory course are candidates for the christian ministry to be considered as dismissed from the jurisdiction of the session and transferred to that of the Presbytery?" was taken up, and after some discussion was committed to Dr. Spring, Dr. Lansing, and Mr. Plumer.

Adjourned till Monday morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

May 25, 9 *o'clock, A. M.*

The Assembly met, and was constituted with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

Mr. Hart Massey, a ruling elder from the Presbytery of Watertown; Mr. John P. Cushman, a ruling elder from the Presbytery of Troy; Mr. James W. Wilkin, a ruling elder from the Presbytery of Hudson; the Rev. Josiah Clark, from the General Association of Massachusetts; the Rev. Matthew Brown, D. D., from the Presbytery of Ohio; Mr. George R. King, a ruling elder from the Presbytery of Newton; Rev. Stephen I. Bradstreet, from the Presbytery of Huron; and Mr. Samuel Thompson, a ruling elder from the Presbytery of Ohio, appeared in the Assembly, and their commissions being read, took their seats as members.

The committee appointed to consider the question (Overture No. 1.) viz: "At what period of their preparatory course are candidates for the christian ministry to be considered as dismissed from the jurisdiction of the session and transferred to that of the Presbytery?" reported: and their report, after some discussion, was recommitted to the same committee, with the addition of Dr. Hoge, Dr. Green, and Dr. Brown.

The Assembly proceeded to receive communications from the Presbyteries on the state of religion, and having made considerable progress in this business,

Adjourned till this afternoon at 4 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

4 *o'clock, P. M.*

The Assembly met, and was constituted with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The Assembly resumed and finished the receiving of reports from th Presbyteries and Corresponding Associations, on the state of religion within their bounds.

Mr. Cookus had leave of absence from the remaining sessions of the Assembly.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

May 26, 9 *o'clock, A. M.*

The Assembly met, and was constituted with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

Rev. Wells Andrews, from the Presbytery of Trumbull, appeared in the Assembly, and his commission being read, took his seat as a member.

The committee on No. 5, from the Judicial Committee, made the following report, which was adopted, viz:

The committee to whom was referred the representation of the Presbytery of Union, touching the ecclesiastical connection of the Rev. Messrs. Daniel S. Butrick and Samuel A. Worcester, missionaries among the Cherokee Indians, with said Presbytery, and stating the grounds on which they request the continuance of said connection, having taken the said document into serious consideration, beg leave respectfully to recommend to this General Assembly, the adoption of the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That in the opinion of this General Assembly, the peculiar circumstances in which the said missionaries are placed, renders the request now under consideration reasonable and proper; and to the end, that the object thereof may with all practicable expedition be effectually secured, this General Assembly do hereby ratify and confirm such friendly and amicable arrangement as may hereafter be made between the Presbyteries of Hopewell and Union for this purpose.

The Judicial committee made a report on the complaint and petition of David Price of Genoa, in the Presbytery of Cayuga; and after some discussion the subject was indefinitely postponed.

The committees appointed to examine the Records of the Synods of Virginia, Philadelphia, Geneva, Pittsburgh, North Carolina, New York, New Jersey, and Ohio, reported respectively, and the records were severally approved.

Letters from the Pastor of the Third Ecclesiastical division of the Reformed Consistorial Church of the Departments of Aisne, and of Seine and Marne, in answer to the letter sent by the last Assembly to the Protestant Churches of France, were received and read, and referred to the committee to whom was referred the letter from the editors of the Archives of Christianity. Dr. Spring, Mr. Junkin, and Dr. Lansing, were added to that committee.

Resolved, That these letters be published in the appendix to the minutes.

Resolved also, that the letter of the last Assembly to the Protestant Churches of France, be published in the appendix to the minutes of the present Assembly.

The committee to which was committed the report of the Board of Missions made a report. After considerable discussion, the further consideration of it was postponed until Thursday morning; and as the Assembly were informed, that the Board have caused their report to be printed, it was resolved, that they present a copy of it to each of the members for his inspection.

Mr Elihu Mason had leave of absence from the remaining sessions of the Assembly.

An invitation was received from the American Sunday School Union, to attend their anniversary this afternoon; which was accepted.

The delegates appointed to attend the last meeting of the General Association of Massachusetts, made a report, which was accepted.

The committee appointed to make arrangements for conducting the religious exercises of to-morrow, made a report, which was adopted.

The Directors of the Theological Seminary at Princeton, made their annual report, which was accepted, and ordered to be printed in the appendix to the minutes.

The Trustees of the Theological Seminary at Princeton, made their annual report, which was accepted, and ordered to be printed in the appendix to the minutes.

Resolved, That there be put at the disposal of the Trustees of the Theological Seminary at Princeton, for the payment of Professors' salaries during the current year, the sum of $5,300.

Nominations were made of persons to fill the vacancies in the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary at Princeton.

Resolved, That it be the order of the day, for Thursday afternoon, to receive the report of the Western Theological Seminary.

The Board of Directors of the Union Theological Seminary made their annual report, which was read, and ordered to be printed in the appendix to the minutes of the Assembly.

Adjourned till half-past 3 o'clock this afternoon. Concluded with prayer.

Half-past 3 o'clock, P. M.

The Assembly met, and was constituted with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

Mr. David W. Vail, a ruling elder from the Presbytery of New Brunswick, and Rev. John Vandervoort, of the Presbytery of Newton, appeared in the Assembly, and their commissions being read, took their seats as members.

The Assembly had a recess to attend the anniversary of the American Sunday School Union.

After the recess the Assembly met. Overture No. 2, viz. an application from the Synod of Ohio, for the erection of a new Synod, was taken up; when it was resolved, that the application be granted; and that Dr. Hoge, Mr. Monfort, and Mr. Wallace, be a committee to draft a minute on the subject.

Overture No. 3, viz. an application from the Synod of Albany, for the erection of a new Synod, was taken up; when it was resolved, that the request be granted: and agreeably to the request of the Synod, the Presbyteries of Ogdensburgh, Watertown, Oswego, Oneida, and Otsego, are hereby constituted a new Synod, to be called the Synod of *Utica*.

Resolved, That the Synod of Utica hold their first meeting in Utica, in the First Presbyterian Church, on the Tuesday preceding the third Wednesday of September next, at 7 o'clock, P. M.; and that the Rev. Israel Brainard preach the opening sermon, and preside until a Moderator is chosen; and in case of his absence, these duties shall devolve on the senior minister present.

An application was received from the Presbytery of Concord, to have the congregation of Waxhaw in South Carolina, agreeably to a request made to them, set off from said Presbytery, and attached to the Presbytery of Bethel, in the Synod of South Carolina and Georgia. *Resolved*, That said request be granted, and the congregation of Waxhaw is hereby attached to the Presbytery of Bethel.

Adjourned for business until Thursday morning at 9 o'clock; to-morrow being set apart by a standing rule, to be spent in religious exercises.

Concluded with prayer

May 28th, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Assembly met, and was constituted with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The Rev. James M. Matthews, D. D., from the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church, appeared in the Assembly, and his commission being read, took his seat as a member.

Yesterday was spent by the Assembly in religious exercises, agreeably to the plan reported by the committee of arrangements. At 10 o'clock, the Assembly convened in their usual place of meeting, and spent the time, until 12 o'clock, in prayer, praise, reading the Scriptures, and exhortation. At 4 o'clock, the Assembly met in the First Presbyterian Church, with the congregation assembled. The exercises were conducted in a manner similar to those of the morning. The day was one of great interest and solemnity. In the evening, the members of the Assembly attended in different churches in the city, in which there was worship, under the direction of their respective pastors.

The committees appointed to examine the records of the Synods of Kentucky, Tennessee, and West Tennessee, reported respectively; and the records were severally approved.

Mr. Walter King had leave of absence.

The report of the committee, to whom was referred the report of the Board of Missions, was taken up; when it was resolved that the report of the Board of Missions be accepted, and published under their direction.

While the Assembly would affectionately solicit the co-operation of the churches with its own Board of Missions; yet, as many of our churches have already united their efforts with the American Home Missionary Society, and the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions; therefore, resolved, as the sense of the Assembly, that the churches should be left entirely to their own unbiassed and deliberate choice of the particular channel through which their charities shall flow forth to bless the perishing.

Adjourned till this afternoon at 4 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

4 o'clock, P. M.

The Assembly met, and was constituted with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

An election was held for Directors of the Theological Seminary at Princeton. The ballots being taken, were committed to Mr. Converse, Mr. Foote, and Mr. Henry, to count them, and report the result.

The Directors of the Western Theological Seminary, made their annual report, which was accepted, and committed to Dr. Martin, Mr. John Johnston, and Mr. Denny.

Rev. Andrew Wylie, D. D., resigned his office as a Director in the Western Theological Seminary.

Nominations were made to fill the vacancies in the Board of Directors of the Western Theological Seminary.

The Rev. Jacob J. Janeway, D. D., resigned his office of Professor of Theology in the Western Theological Seminary, and gave at length, in writing, his reasons for so doing.

The resignation of Dr. Janeway was accepted; and his written reasons, with accompanying papers, were committed to the same committee to which was referred the report of the Directors.

Mr. Boyd, Mr. Beman, Mr. Cushman, and Mr. Strong, were added to this committee.

The committee appointed to count the votes for Directors of the Theological Seminary at Princeton made a report, from which it appeared that the following persons are elected Directors for three years, viz:

Ministers—Rev. Thomas H. Skinner, D. D., John Johnson, Benjamin M. Palmer, D. D., William Nevins, William Chester, William W. Phillips, D. D., Samuel Martin, D. D.

Elders—Mr. Theodore Frelinghuysen, Alexander Henry, Robert G. Johnson

And that the Rev. David Comfort is elected a Director for two years, in the room of the Rev. John Chester, D. D., deceased.

Mr. Crowell had leave of absence.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

May 29th, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Assembly met, and was constituted with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

Resolved, That the rule requiring the roll to be called when nominations for delegates to corresponding bodies are made, be and it is hereby repealed; and that when this subject is taken up, any member shall have the right, without a call of his name, to nominate as many persons for each body as there are delegates to be chosen.

Nominations were made for delegates to attend the several Ecclesiastical Bodies holding correspondence with the General Assembly.

The report of the committee on temperance was taken up, and after mature consideration, was unanimously adopted, and is as follows, viz:—*Resolved*,

1. That this Assembly regard with devout gratitude and praise the great success which has attended the efforts of the friends of the cause of temperance during the past year, as evinced in the increase of the number and zeal of Temperance Societies, in the diminution of the sale of ardent spirits, and in the existence of a strong and increasing public sentiment against the use of it.

2. That they cordially approve and rejoice in the formation of *Temperance Societies* on the principle of entire abstinence from the use of ardent spirits, as expressing disapprobation of intemperance in the strongest and most efficient manner, and making the most available resistance to this destructive and wide spreading evil.

3. That they deeply deplore the apathy manifested by many professing Christians towards the cause of temperance, while many distinguished persons who make no religious profession, are prompt and powerful fellow-labourers with Christians in this worthy and divinely sanctioned cause. And especially do they grieve and wonder that members of our churches, in view of an evil so desolating and so awful in its prospective bearings on all the interests of our country, should not only take no part in the exertions of their brethren and fellow-citizens against intemperance, but by using and trafficking in ardent spirits, be actively engaged in promoting it.

4. That they earnestly recommend, as far as is practicable, the forming of Temperance Societies in the congregations under their care; and that all members of the churches adopt the principle of entire abstinence from the use of ardent spirits.

5. That as friends of the cause of Temperance, this Assembly rejoice to lend the force of their example to that cause as an ecclesiastical body by an entire abstinence themselves from the use of ardent spirits.

The Judicial Committee reported on the complaint of the minority of the Synod of Albany, that the necessary documents are not complete; and therefore recommend that the case be dismissed by this Assembly. This report was adopted, and the case was accordingly dismissed.

The committee appointed to prepare the narrative on the state of religion presented a report, which was read and accepted. Resolved, That it be recommitted to the same committee for revision, and that it be published under the direction of the Stated Clerk.

The committee on milage reported, that the number of miles to Philadelphia travelled by the Commissioners who wish to draw from the Commissioners' fund is 35,075; that the Commissioners' fund this year, as reported by the Treasu-

rer, is $1,886 33; which affords 5⅞ cents per mile. Your committee have divided the fund among the commissioners according to their respective milage, as appears by the annexed detailed statement; and there is left a balance in the hands of the Treasurer of $1 72, in favour of this fund.

Resolved, That the Trustees of the General Assembly be and they hereby are directed to issue a warrant for the payment of $1884 61 to the Commissioners, agreeably to the report of the committee on milage.

Mr. Cushman and Mr. Van Sinderen had leave of absence.

Adjourned till 4 o'clock this afternoon. Concluded with prayer.

4 o'clock, P. M.

The Assembly met, and was constituted with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The ballots were received for delegates to attend the Ecclesiastical Bodies in correspondence with the General Assembly, and committed to Mr. M'Iver, Mr. M'Intyre, and Mr. Graves, to count the votes and report the result.

Resolved, That the election of Directors for the Western Theological Seminary be postponed until to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

The committee on No. 2, from the Judicial Committee, viz: A complaint and request of the Presbytery of Mississippi, reported, that in consequence of the insufficiency of testimony they express no opinion respecting the correctness of the complaint; but they recommend that the request be granted, which is, that the Presbyteries of Mississippi, South Alabama, and Bigby, be formed into a new Synod. The report of the committee was adopted, and the Presbyteries of Mississippi, South Alabama, and Bigby, are hereby formed into a new Synod, to be known by the name of the Synod of Mississippi and South Alabama.

Resolved, That the Synod of Mississippi and South Alabama hold their first meeting at Mayhew, on the second Wednesday of November next, at 11 o'clock, A. M., and that the Rev. Robert M. Cunningham, D. D., or in case of his absence the senior minister present, preach the sermon at the opening, and preside until a Moderator is chosen.

A committee appointed by the Directors of the Theological Seminary in Kentucky, made the following application, viz: "The Synod of Kentucky having at their last sessions established a Theological Seminary, under the charter of Centre College at Danville, do request to be taken into union with the General Assembly, and under its care, on the terms specified in the general principles laid down by the said Synod, for which the Assembly is referred to their records, pages 50 to 58."

This application was committed to Mr. Magie, Mr. Allen, and Mr. Breckinridge.

The committee to whom was recommitted Overture No. 1, viz: The question at what period of their preparatory course are candidates for the christian ministry to be considered as dismissed from the jurisdiction of the session, and transferred to that of the Presbytery? made a report, which, being read and amended, was adopted, and is as follows, viz:

Whereas it appears necessary, in order to preserve the purity of the church, and uniformity of procedure in the judicatories under the care of the General Assembly, that the manner of administering discipline to candidates and licentiates for the gospel ministry, should be distinctly specified, therefore,

Resolved, 1. That as the word of God, and the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church, recognize the distinction of laity and clergy, and a system of procedure in discipline in some respects diverse, as the one or the other of these orders of men is concerned, it becomes the judicatories of the church to guard against the violation of this principle in the administration of discipline.

2. That although candidates and licentiates are in training for the gospel

ministry, and in consequence of this are placed under the care of Presbyteries, and in certain respects become immediately responsible to them, yet they are to be regarded as belonging to the order of the laity, till they receive ordination to the whole work of the gospel ministry.

3. That it follows, from the last resolution, that when candidates for the gospel ministry are discovered to be unfit to be proceeded with in trials for the sacred office, it shall be the duty of the Presbytery to arrest their progress; and, if further discipline be necessary, to remit them for that purpose to the sessions of the churches to which they properly belong; and that when licentiates are found unworthy to be permitted further to preach the gospel, it shall be the duty of the Presbytery to deprive them of their license; and if further discipline be necessary, to remit them for that purpose to the sessions of the churches to which they properly belong.

4. That in order to ensure the proper effect of discipline in the performance of the duties which severally belong to sessions and Presbyteries, it will be incumbent on church sessions, when they shall see cause to commence process against candidates or licentiates, before Presbytery has arrested the trials of the one, or taken away the licensure of the other, to give immediate notice to the Moderator, of the Presbytery to which the candidates or licentiates are amenable, that such process has been commenced, to the intent that the impropriety may be prevented of an individual proceeding on trials, or continuing to preach after committing an offence that ought to arrest him in his progress to an investiture with the sacred office; and when Presbyteries shall enter upon an investigation, with the view of stopping the trials of a candidate, or taking away the license of a licentiate, the session to which such candidates or licentiates are amenable, shall be immediately informed of what the Presbytery is doing, that the session may, if requisite, commence process, and inflict the discipline which it is their province to administer.

The committee to whom was referred the Report of the Directors of the Western Theological Seminary, together with the reasons assigned by Dr. Janeway for his resignation of the office of Professor of Theology in that Institution, made the following report, which was adopted, viz:

The Directors of the Western Seminary having reported to the General Assembly, that they have had under their care, during the past year, eight students in the said Seminary; that there remained, at the close of the last session, seven students: that preparation has been made for the commencement of the erection of suitable buildings for the said Seminary, on a site selected for that purpose in the town of Allegheny, but that the title to the land is not yet perfected; your committe recommend the adoption of the following resolutions, viz:

1. *Resolved*, That the sum of $3000 be appropriated and paid to the Directors of the Western Seminary, for the support of teachers for the present year.

2. *Resolved*, That the sum of $8000 be appropriated for the erecting of the necessary buildings for the accommodation of the Western Seminary; and that the same be paid, so soon as the Directors of the said Seminary have satisfactory evidence that all objections to the title of the land, on which the said buildings are to be erected, shall have been removed.

The committee appointed to count the votes for delegates to the several Ecclesiastical Bodies holding correspondence with the Assembly, reported, and the following persons were declared duly elected, viz:

The Rev. Andrew Wylie, D. D., the Rev. William H. Foote, and the Rev. Aaron W. Leland, D. D., to attend the General Association of Connecticut.

The Rev. Andrew Wylie, D. D., and the Rev. William H. Foote, to attend the General Association of Massachusetts; and the Rev. Aaron W. Leland, D. D., to be the alternate to either of them who may fail.

The Rev. Nathan S. S. Beman to attend the General Conference of Maine; and the Rev. Samuel Fisher, D. D., to be his alternate.

The Rev. David Magie to attend the General Association of New Hampshire, and the General Convention of Vermont; and the Rev. Amzi Babbit to be his alternate.

The Rev. Gardiner Spring, D. D., and Mr. George Zabriskie, ruling elder, to attend the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church, and the Rev. Archibald Alexander, D. D., and Mr. Theodore Frelinghuysen, to be their alternates,

And the Rev. Ezra S. Ely, D. D., and the Rev. George Duffield, to attend the Synod of the German Reformed Church; and the Rev. Daniel Young, and the Rev. George Junkin, to be their alternates.

Mr. Whiton, Mr. Griffith, Mr. M'Allister, Mr. Beebee, and Mr. Parish, obtained leave of absence.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

May 30th, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Assembly met, and was constituted with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the ballots for Directors of the Western Theological Seminary were received, and committed to Mr. Graham, Mr. M'Iver, and Mr. Junkin, to count them, and report the result.

Overture No. 5, viz. An application from the Presbytery of Champlain, in relation to the ordination of Mr. Andrew Govan, a foreign licentiate, was taken up. From the documents, it appeared that the Presbytery have complied with the rules of the Assembly, in relation to the reception of licentiates and ministers from foreign bodies, and that they request liberty to ordain him.

Resolved, That the request of the Presbytery of Champlain to ordain Mr. Andrew Govan, be granted.

The committees appointed to examine the Records of the Synods of Albany and Indiana, reported respectively, and the Records were approved.

Overture No. 6, viz. The following extract from the minutes of the Presbytery of Albany, was taken up, viz. "The Rev. Thomas Frasier, a foreign minister, now under the care of this Presbytery, having complied with the regulations relating to foreign ministers and licentiates, adopted by the General Assembly in 1800, *Resolved*, That he be received as a member of this Presbytery, subject to the approbation of the General Assembly, as required in the Digest, part 2d, chap. i. p. 281:" whereupon,

Resolved, That the Assembly approve of the reception of the Rev. Thomas Frasier, by the Presbytery of Albany.

Resolved, That the Assembly will, on Tuesday next, at 10 o'clock, A. M., proceed to an election of Trustees of the General Assembly.

The committee appointed to count the ballots for Directors of the Western Theological Seminary, made a report, from which it appeared, that the following persons are elected Directors of said Seminary for three years, viz:—

Ministers—Thomas E. Hughes, William Jeffrey, Thomas Barr, Charles C. Beatty, Robert Johnston, Thomas Hoge, Alan D. Campbell.

Elders—George Plumer, Benjamin Williams, Samuel Thompson.

And that the Rev. John Stockton is elected for two years, in the room of Andrew Wylie, D. D., resigned.

Resolved, That the Assembly will, on Tuesday next, at 4 o'clock, P. M., proceed to the election of a Professor of Theology for the Western Theological Seminary, in the room of the Rev. Jacob J. Janeway, D. D., resigned.

Agreeably to a standing rule, the Assembly had a season of special prayer for divine direction in this important choice.

The committee of overtures reported Overture No. 7, which was put upon the docket.

The committee of overtures also reported Overture No. 8. This overture,

viz., a communication from the Executive Committee of the Pennsylvania Institution for the Deaf and Dumb, was taken up and read, and committed to Mr. Beman, Mr. Todd, and Mr. Mead.

The committee of overtures also reported Overture No. 9, which was put upon the docket.

The same committee also reported Overture No. 10. This overture, viz., an extract from the minutes of the Synod of Pittsburgh, in relation to the voting of delegates from corresponding bodies in the General Assembly, was taken up, and after considerable discussion, was committed to Dr. Spring, Mr. Goodrich, Mr. Junkin, Mr. Boyd, and Mr. Falconer.

Mr. Ashley, Mr. Bliss, Mr. G. R. King, Mr. Strong, Mr. Everett, and Mr. Brackett, obtained leave of absence.

Adjourned till Monday morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

June 1st, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Assembly met, and was constituted with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

Mr. Thomas Flemming, a ruling elder from the Presbytery of Charleston Union, appeared in the Assembly, and his commission being read, took his seat as a member.

Dr. Green, Dr. Skinner, and Dr. Spring, were appointed a committee to nominate suitable persons to be appointed a Board of Missions for the ensuing year.

The committee on No. 4, from the Judicial committee, viz. A complaint of the Presbytery of Huron, made a report, which was laid on the table.

The following resolution was offered by the delegates from the General Conference of Maine; and a decision on the same was referred to the next General Assembly, viz.

"*Resolved*, That this Assembly do approve of the objects of the *American Peace Society*, and do recommend them to the serious attention of Christian churches."

The Judicial committee reported on the appeal of John Ward, from a decision of the Synod of Genessee; that having duly considered the case, they recommend, that on the ground of new testimony, the appellant be directed to apply to the church of Bergen for a new trial. The above report was adopted.

The Judicial committee also reported in the case of the complaint of the session of Indianapolis, against the decision of the Synod of Indiana, that having examined the documents, they find them in order, and recommend that the complaint be considered by the Assembly in the order prescribed in chap. vii. sec. 3d, of the Book of Discipline, under the head of appeals.

The committee to whom was referred Overture No 8, viz: "A communication from the Executive Committee of the Pennsylvania Institution for the Deaf and Dumb," made the following report, which was adopted, viz:

It appears from the above named communication, that an appropriation has been made by the Legislature of Pennsylvania, for the instruction in this Institution of *fifty* indigent deaf and dumb persons, by the Legislature of Maryland for *twenty*, and by that of New Jersey for *twelve*:—that the proper age for their reception is from *ten* to *twenty-five* years; and that notwithstanding this liberal provision, many, through ignorance or indifference, neglect to avail themselves of the charitable aid thus proferred for their children.

In view of these statements, and of the fact that similar institutions have been established in different states, and similar provision made for the gratuitous instruction of the *indigent* of this class of our fellow-beings, the Assembly would avail themselves of this opportunity of calling the attention of the public in general, and especially of ministers of the gospel, and those parents whose

children may need the instruction of such schools, to this truly benevolent and christian charity.

Overture No. 4, viz: A request from the Presbytery of Muhlenberg, that the line between them and the Presbytery of West Tennessee may be so altered as to place the church in Clarksville under their care, was taken up, and committed to Dr. Cleland, Mr. M'Leod, and Mr. Shannon.

The committee appointed to nominate persons to constitute the Board of Missions for the ensuing year, made a nomination, which was adopted, and is as follows, viz:

Of the Synod of Albany—*Minister*—Henry R. Weed. *Layman*—Ananias Platt.

Of the Synod of Utica—*Ministers*—Samuel C. Aiken, George S. Boardman. *Laymen*—Hon. John Fine Esq., Walter King, Esq, Abraham Varick.

Of the Synod of Geneva—*Ministers*—John Keep, Dirck C. Lansing, D. D. *Layman*—Richard Steele.

Of the Synod of Genessee—*Minister*—Joseph Penny. *Layman*—Ashley Sampson.

Of the Synod of New York—*Ministers*—Gardiner Spring, D. D., Robert M'Cartee, William D. Snodgrass, William W. Phillips, D. D., John Johnston, Samuel H. Cox, D. D., Ezra Fisk, D. D. *Laymen*—Anson G. Phelps, Moses Allen, George Douglass, Robert Lenox, Samuel Boyd, Zechariah Lewis, Marcus Wilbur.

Of the Synod of New Jersey—*Ministers*—Archibald Alexander, D. D., Samuel Miller, D. D., John M'Dowell, D. D., Joshua T. Russell. *Laymen*—Theodore Frelinghuysen, Samuel Bayard, David Magie.

Of the Synod of Philadelphia—*Ministers*—Ashbel Green, D. D. LL. D., Jacob J. Janeway, D. D., Ezra S. Ely, D. D., Thomas H. Skinner, D. D., Ebenezer Dickey, D. D., Samuel Martin, D. D., John H. Kennedy, William Nevins, Joseph Sanford, Alexander M'Clelland, William M. Engles, George C. Potts, William L. M'Calla, James Patterson. *Laymen*—Robert Ralston, Esq., Daniel Montgomery, Robert Smith, Sen., Roswell L. Colt, John M'Mullin, James Moore, George W. Blight, William Nassau, Solomon Allen, Robert Wallace, James Kerr, James Schott, Joseph P. Engles, Furman Leaming.

Of the Synod of Pittsburgh—*Ministers*—Francis Herron, D. D., Matthew Brown, D. D. *Laymen*—Harmer Denny, Eugenius M. Wilson.

Of the Synod of the Western Reserve—*Minister*—Giles H. Cowles, D. D. *Layman*—Jedediah Crocker.

Of the Synod of Ohio—*Ministers*—James Hoge, D. D., James Scott. *Layman*—James Renfrew.

Of the Synod of Cincinnati—*Ministers*—Joshua L. Wilson, D. D., Samuel Crothers, Benjamin Graves. *Layman*—William Lowry.

Of the Synod of Indiana—*Minister*—William W. Martin. *Layman*—Jeremiah Sullivan.

Of the Synod of Kentucky—*Ministers*—James Blythe, D. D., Thomas Cleland, D. D. *Layman*—Daniel Wurtz.

Of the Synod of Virginia—*Ministers*—John Matthews, D. D., Benjamin H. Rice, Shepard K. Kollock. *Layman*—John W. Paine.

Of the Synod of North Carolina—*Ministers*—James Stafford, William M'Pheeters, D. D. *Layman*—Frederick Nash.

Of the Synod of Tennessee—*Minister*—Dugald M'Intyre. *Layman*—Thomas Snoddy.

Of the Synod of West Tennessee—*Minister*—Obadiah Jennings, D. D. *Layman*—Nathaniel M'Nairy.

Of the Synod of South Carolina and Georgia—*Ministers*—Aaron W. Leland, D. D., William A. M'Dowell, D. D., Samuel S. Davis. *Layman*—Thomas Flemming.

Of the Synod of Mississippi and South Alabama—*Ministers*—James Smylie, George Potts. *Layman*—William W. Caldwell.

Overture No. 9, viz: an application from the Presbytery of Elizabethtown, for an alteration in the form of Statistical Reports, so as to require the Presbyteries to report on the subject of collections as formerly, viz: only those which are made by the order of the Assembly, was taken up and committed to Mr. Magie, Mr. Bradstreet, and Mr. Foote.

The report of the committee on No. 4, from the Judicial Committee, viz: A complaint from the Presbytery of Huron, which was laid on the table, was referred to the same committee.

The complaint of the session of Indianapolis against proceedings of the Synod of Indiana was taken up. The rule, reminding the Assembly that they were about to sit as judges of a court of Jesus Christ, was read by the Moderator. Dr. Spring was then appointed to manage the cause of the complainants; and the consideration of the complaint was made the order of the day for 4 o'clock this afternoon.

The committee of overtures reported overture No. 11. This overture, viz: An extract from the minutes of the Synod of Pittsburgh, requesting the Assembly to define the division line between said Synod and the Synods of Philadelphia and Genessee, was taken up and committed to Dr. Herron, Mr. Munson, and Mr. S. C. Brown.

The committee of overtures also reported overture No. 12. This overture was taken up and adopted, and is as follows, viz:—

Whereas, Many of our feeble churches are nearly destitute of the Confession of Faith of the Presbyterian Church, and are not able at present to purchase a seasonable supply of that book; therefore, Resolved, That hereafter the income from all future editions of the Constitution of this Church, until further orders, be appropriated by the Stated Clerk in the gratuitous distribution of copies of said Constitution among the more remote and destitute churches in our communion; and that any former resolutions of the Assembly, making any other appropriation of the income from the Constitution, be and the same hereby are repealed.

The committee of overtures also reported overture No. 13. This overture was taken up, and is as follows, viz: "An answer is requested to the following question, viz: Has the moderator of a Synod a right to call a meeting of the Synod during the interval of its stated sessions?"

Resolved, by the Assembly, That this question be answered in the affirmative.

Mr. Kennedy, Mr. S. Thompson, and Mr. Parsons, obtained leave of absence.

Adjourned till this afternoon at 4 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

4 o'clock, P. M.

The Assembly met, and was constituted with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The committee appointed to examine the records of the Synod of Genessee, reported, and the records were approved, with the following exceptions, viz: on page 130, a record of the opening of a session of Synod; and on page 143, a record of adjournment without notice of prayer; and on page 134, the formality consequent on a resolution of Synod, "to go into a committee of the whole," for the consideration of judicial business.

The committee to whom was referred the petition from the Synod of Tennessee, that the Southern and Western Theological Seminary may be taken under the care of the General Assembly, made a report, which was read, and laid on the table.

The complaint of the session of the church of Indianapolis was taken up, and the consideration of it was postponed until to-morrow morning.

The committee to whom was referred the letter from the Rev. St. Pilet Joly, pastor of the French Walloon Church of Frankfort on the Main, reported an answer, which was adopted. Ordered, that it be signed by the Moderator and Permanent Clerk, and be referred to the Stated Clerk to be transmitted to Mr. Joly.

On motion, it was *Resolved*, That the Rev. Archibald Alexander, D. D., the Rev. Samuel Miller, D. D., the Rev. Charles Hodge, the Rev. James Carnahan, D. D., the Rev. Thomas H. Skinner, D. D., the Rev. Joseph Sanford, and the Rev. John Breckinridge, be a committee to consider the expediency of establishing a *Missionary Institution* for the instruction and training of *missionaries;* which shall be under the care of the General Assembly, and in connection with the Theological Seminary at Princeton; and that this committee be instructed to mature and report a plan of the same, to the next General Assembly, provided they, or a majority of them, shall approve of such an establishment.

Resolved, That the Permanent and Stated Clerks be and they hereby are appointed a standing committee of commissions; and that the Commissioners to future Assemblies hand their commissions to said committee, in the room in which the Assembly shall hold its sessions, on the morning of the day on which the Assembly opens, previous to 11 o'clock; and further, that all commissions which may be presented during the sessions of the Assembly, instead of being read in the house, shall be examined by said committee, and reported to the Assembly.

The committee to whom was referred the request of the Presbytery of Muhlenberg, contained in overture No. 4, reported the following resolution, which was adopted, viz:—

Resolved, That the request of the Presbytery of Muhlenberg be granted; and that the line between that Presbytery and the Presbytery of West Tennessee be so altered as to include the county of Montgomery, in Tennessee, within the bounds of the Muhlenberg Presbytery.

Mr. Plumer obtained leave of absence.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

June 2, 9 *o'clock, A. M.*

The Assembly met, and was constituted with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

Rev. William C. Walton, from the Presbytery of the District of Columbia, appeared in the Assembly, and his commission being read, took his seat as a member.

The subject of the complaint of the session of Indianapolis was taken up, and after considerable discussion, and mature deliberation, it was resolved, that this business be dismissed on account of informality, and that the papers be returned to the respective parties.

On motion, it was resolved unanimously, that the General Assembly view with peculiar satisfaction the measure recently proposed by the American Bible Society to supply every destitute family in the United States with a copy of the Bible, in the course of two years; and that it be cordially recommended to the Presbyteries, individual ministers, and churches connected with the Assembly, to use their endeavours to carry the above measure, in reliance on the blessing of the Almighty, into full and prosperous effect.

The Assembly proceeded, agreeably to the order of the day, to the election of Trustees of the General Assembly. On inquiry, the Assembly ascertained that there is one vacancy in the Board of Trustees, by the decease of Mr. Robert M'Mullin. The Assembly proceeded to fill this vacancy, when Mr. John Stillé was chosen a Trustee of the General Assembly, in the room of Mr. Robert

M'Mullin, deceased. Resolved, that the Assembly will make no further election of Trustees this year.

The committee to whom was referred Overture No. 10, viz; the request of the Synod of Pittsburgh, in relation to the right of voting on the part of Corresponding Bodies, reported the following resolutions, which were adopted, viz:

1. That the Commissioners of the General Assembly to the General Association of Massachusetts, be appointed a committee of Conference with a committee who may be appointed by the General Association for the same purpose, with the view of adopting a course on this subject that may meet the wishes both of this Assembly and that Association.

2. *Resolved*, That the Commissioners from this Assembly to the General Association of Massachusetts, for the present year, and for subsequent years, be instructed not to vote in any of the business that may come before that body.

A motion on the subject of correspondence with the General Association of Massachusetts was made, and after considerable discussion, was committed to Dr. Hoge, Dr. Spring, and Mr. Mead.

The Rev. Joshua Leavitt, Secretary of the American Seaman's Friend Society, by permission addressed the Assembly on the objects of that Society.

Whereupon, it was resolved, that the Assembly rejoice in the prosperous efforts of the American Seaman's Friend Society for the spiritual improvement of that peculiar and interesting class of men who go down to the sea in ships, and commend the Seaman's cause to the affection, the charities, and the prayers of all their churches.

The committee on the communications from the Presbyteries of Huron and Elizabethtown, relative to the form of the Statistical Reports, and the period at which they shall be dated, made a report, which was not adopted.

The following resolution was offered as an amendment to the resolutions made by the last Assembly on the subject of statistical Reports, and was adopted, viz:

Resolved, That the Presbyteries be required to direct the sessions of the churches within their bounds, to make out in each year the sessional report to the Presbytery, up to the first day of April, and transmit the same to the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery, and that each Presbytery be also required to direct their Stated Clerk, on or before the first day of May in each year, to transmit by mail, to the stated Clerk of the General Assembly, a Presbyterial report, bearing the date of April 1st, prepared from the sessional reports, according to the preceding resolution.

The committee to which was referred Overture No. 11, viz: a request from the Synod of Pittsburgh, that this Assembly would define the line between said Synod and the Synods of Philadelphia and Genessee, made the following report, which was adopted, viz:

They find that the dividing line between the States of New York and Pennsylvania, by a former Assembly, has been declared the dividing line between the Synod of Genessee and the Synod of Pittsburgh, and find no cause for altering said line.

Between the Synods of Pittsburgh and Philadelphia, they recommend that a line, running north and south, and dividing the counties of Warren and M'Kean, Jefferson and Clearfield, Indiana and Cambria, Somerset and Bedford, be the dividing line of said Synods.

Mr. Kollock, Mr. T. H. Brown, and Mr. Kirkpatrick, obtained leave of absence.

The committee to whom was referred the petition of the Synod of Kentucky, that the Theological Seminary at Centre College may be taken under the care of the General Assembly, made a report, which was read.

Mr. Falconer, Mr. Vail, Mr. Grier, Mr. H. Taylor, and Mr. Coburn, obtained leave of absence after this day.

Adjourned till this afternoon at 4 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

4 o'clock, P. M.

The Assembly met, and was constituted with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Assembly proceeded to the election of a Professor of Theology in the Western Theological Seminary. The ballots being taken, were committed to Mr Fullerton, Mr. Graham, and Mr. M'Intyre, to count them and report the result

The report of the committee on the petition of the Synod of Kentucky, in relation to the Theological Seminary at Centre College, which was presented before the adjournment this morning, was taken up; and after being discussed a considerable time, and amended, was adopted, and is as follows, viz: That they have examined, and do fully approve the plan of said Seminary; and hereby express their sense of the importance of this institution; but at the same time recommend a delay of any application on this subject until the next year, in consequence of the immaturity of their present arrangements.

Mr. G. Taylor, Mr. Barr, Mr. Stow, Mr. Boyd, Dr. Martin, Mr. Smith, Mr. Goodrich, Mr. D. W. Lathrop, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Denny, Mr. M'Intyre, Dr. Cleland, and Mr. Hopkins, obtained leave of absence.

The committee appointed to count the ballots for a Professor of Theology in the Western Theological Seminary, reported; and the Rev. Luther Halsey was declared duly elected to this office. Ordered, that the Stated Clerk inform Mr. Halsey of his election.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

June 3, *9 o'clock, A. M.*

The Assembly met, and was constituted with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The committee appointed to prepare an answer to the letter from the Board of Congregational Ministers of London and its vicinity, reported an answer, which was read and adopted. Ordered, that it be signed by the Moderator and Permanent Clerk, and be committed to the Stated Clerk, to be transmitted to the Board of Congregational Ministers of London and its vicinity.

Three thousand pages of tracts were presented to the Assembly by the Female Tract Society of the Second Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, to be distributed in the western parts of the state of Pennsylvania. These tracts were committed to Dr. Herron, to be distributed according to the direction of the donors. Ten thousand pages of tracts were also presented to the Assembly by the Female Tract Society of the Sixth Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, for distribution among the Southern and Western members of the Assembly.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Assembly be presented to the above Institutions for their liberal donations.

The committee appointed to draft a minute respecting the erection of the Synod of Cincinnati, presented the following, which was adopted, viz:—

Resolved, That a new Synod be constituted, by the name of the Synod of *Cincinnati*, to consist of the Presbyteries of Chillicothe, Cincinnati, and Miami; and that the line which divides the Presbyteries of Athens, Lancaster, and Columbus, on the east, from the Presbyteries of Chillicothe and Miami, on the west, shall be the dividing line between the Synods of Ohio and Cincinnati; excepting that the portion of the Presbytery of Columbus which lies in the counties of Clarke, Champaigne, and Logan, and west of a line running due north from the north-east corner of the county of Logan, to the boundary of the

Synod of the Western Reserve, shall be attached to the Presbytery of Miami; and the Synod of Cincinnati shall hold their first meeting in Lebanon, on the fourth Thursday of October next, at 11 o'clock, A. M.; and shall be opened with a sermon by the Rev. James Kemper, or in case of his absence, by the senior Minister present, who shall preside until a Moderator shall be chosen.

On motion, it was resolved, that Dr. Green, Dr. Skinner, and Dr. Ely, be a committee to consider the following question, viz: "What mode of proceeding shall be adopted in organizing churches, under our present Constitution?" and to report an answer to the next General Assembly.

Resolved, That the same committee be instructed to consider and report to the next General Assembly, on the manner in which ministers and licentiates are to be received into any of our Presbyteries, from Ecclesiastical Bodies in the United States, which correspond with this General Assembly.

The committee to whom was referred the report of the committee on psalmody, with the book which the committee have prepared and have had printed, made a report, which being read and amended, was adopted, and is as follows, viz:—

The committee have performed the duty assigned them, with as much diligence and application as their attendance in the Assembly and other avocations would permit; and although they have not been able to make a full and critical examination of the whole, in concert as a committee, yet they feel themselves justified in giving a favourable opinion of the book. They hope that after receiving some necessary improvements and corrections, it will be introduced into our churches, and be found eminently useful.

Having thus expressed their unanimous opinion, the committee beg leave to submit to the Assembly, for their adoption, the following resolutions:—

1. *Resolved*, That the Book of Psalms and Hymns, prepared by the committee appointed for this purpose, and presented to this General Assembly, be recommitted to the same committee, that it may receive those corrections and alterations which they may deem necessary, and they are directed to print these corrections in a pamphlet form, for the use of the next Assembly; and that the Rev. Thomas H. Skinner, D. D., and the Rev. Joseph Sanford, be added to this committee.

2. *Resolved*, That any remarks or corrections, proposed by ministers or others for the use of this committee, be placed in the hands of the Rev. Ezra S. Ely, D. D., the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly, free of expense to him, within six months.

3. *Resolved*, That the expense already incurred by the committee in securing the copy-right be paid by the Trustees of the General Assembly.

The following extract from the minutes of the proceedings of the Trustees of the General Assembly was received and read, viz:—

"The Trustees of the General Assembly met June 2d, 1829.

"The committee on the memorial of Tobias Boudinot, referred to this Board by the General Assembly, reported in favour of the request of the memorialist. This report was approved, and the Treasurer was directed to present it to the General Assembly, with a testimony of this approval.

"Extract from the minutes.

"Isaac Snowden, Sec. Pro. Tem."

This extract was accompanied by the report of the committee of the Trustees, referred to in the above extract, which report was read. Whereupon,

Resolved, That the above report of the Trustees of the General Assembly be approved; and the said Trustees be and they are hereby authorized and directed to carry into effect the report of their committee on this subject, by granting the request of the said Tobias Boudinot.

The following resolutions, proposed by the Board of Education, were adopted, viz:—

Resolved, That the 2d article of the Constitution be so amended as to read thus, viz:—

"The Board shall consist of fifty-three members, elected by the General Assembly, of whom *twenty-five* shall be ministers, and *twenty-eight* other male communicating members of the Presbyterian Church; one minister, and one layman, to be chosen from each Synod; and the remainder from Philadelphia, and from a distance convenient to it; together with such Vice Presidents as the Board may appoint. Five members, including the President or a Vice President, shall be a quorum to transact business."

Resolved, That the 5th article of the Constitution of the Board of Education be so amended as to read thus, viz:—

"The Officers of the Board, to be annually appointed by the Board, shall be a President, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary and General Agent, a Treasurer, and so many Vice Presidents as the Board may deem it expedient to appoint."

The Board of Education presented their annual report, which was read and accepted, and referred to the Board for revisal and publication in the appendix to the minutes of this Assembly.

The following persons, whose term of office has expired, were re-elected members of the Board of Education for four years, viz: Rev. John H. Rice, D. D., Rev. Moses Waddel, D. D., Rev. Archibald Alexander, D. D., Rev. Stephen N. Rowan, D. D., John Woodworth, Esq., Mr. Alexander Henry, William Kirkpatrick, Esq., and Mr. Horace Hill.

The Rev. Dirck C. Lansing, D. D., was appointed for four years in the room of the Rev. Henry Axtell, D. D., deceased.

The following persons were appointed in the new Synods formed by this Assembly, viz. In the Synod of Utica, the Rev. Samuel Swezey, and Mr. Levi Beebee; in the Synod of Cincinnati, the Rev. Robert H. Bishop, D. D., and Abraham A. Halsey, Esq.; and in the Synod of Mississippi and South Alabama, the Rev. Robert M. Cunningham, D. D., and John Henderson, Esq.

The following persons were also appointed additional members of the Board of Education, agreeably to the alteration just made in Article 2d, of the Constitution of the Board, viz.

Rev. John W. Scott, John W. Thompson, Esq., George Ralston, Esq., Mr. James Schott, Thomas Bradford, jun. Esq., Mr. Joseph B. Mitchell, Mr. Matthew Newkirk, Mr. John R. Neff, Mr. Matthew L. Bevan, and Mr. James Fassitt.

The memorial from the West Lexington Presbytery, on the subject of Theological Seminaries, which was referred by the last Assembly to the consideration of the present Assembly, was taken up, and committed to the Rev. Archibald Alexander, D. D., the Rev. Samuel Miller, D. D., and the Rev. Charles Hodge, to consider and report on the same to the next General Assembly.

Mr. Gildersleeve, Mr. James Patterson, Mr. Coulter, Mr. D. Gould, Mr. Massey, and Mr. A. D. Patterson, obtained leave of absence.

Adjourned till 4 o'clock, this afternoon. Concluded with prayer.

4 o'clock, P. M.

The Assembly met, and was constituted with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The Board of Missions informed the Assembly that they have deemed it expedient to elect, for the facilitating of the operations of their Board, a Treasurer to receive, and by their order to pay out, all moneys appropriated to missionary purposes: Whereupon, it was

Resolved, That the Trustees of the General Assembly be, and they hereby are requested, to direct their Treasurer to pay quarterly, to the order of the Board

of Missions in favour of the Treasurer for the time being of said Board, all income of moneys which may from time to time accrue on the missionary funds or collections, now or hereafter to be in his hands, that the same may be appropriated, by the Board of Missions, by drafts on their own Treasurer.

The committee appointed to answer the letter from the editors of the Archives of Christianity, the letter from the Consistory of the Consistorial Church of Mens, and the letters from the Pastor of the Third Ecclesiastical division of the Reformed Consistorial Church of the departments of Aisne, Seine, and Marne, reported an answer, which was read and adopted. Ordered that it be signed by the Moderator and Permanent Clerk, and be committed to the Stated Clerk, that he may transmit a copy to each of the above named bodies and persons.

The committee to whom was referred a motion on the subject of correspondence with the General Association of Massachusetts, made a report, which being read and amended was adopted, and is as follows, viz:

Resolved, That the delegates to the General Association of Massachusetts, be instructed to inform that Association, that while this General Assembly do most cordially accept and approve the expression of their sentiments, with regard to candidates, licentiates, and ministers under censure for heresy or immorality; they do also most respectfully and affectionately represent to the Association, that they deem it highly important that it should be considered irregular, that any candidate, licentiate, or minister, whose credentials are withheld, on account of the violation of Ecclesiastical order, should be received by either of the Corresponding Bodies.

The report of the committee to whom was referred the petition from the Synod of Tennessee, that the Southern and Western Theological Seminary may be taken under the care of the General Assembly, which was laid on the table, was taken up and adopted, and is as follows, viz:

That after diligent inquiry they have been unable to obtain a view of the plan of said Seminary; and are therefore of opinion that the Assembly are not prepared to act upon this case.

The committee on the History of the Presbyterian Church, reported, that since the meeting of the last Assembly, they have received some additional documents. The committee was continued.

The following persons were appointed to certify the standing of travelling ministers and licentiates, viz: In the Synod of Albany, the Rev. Henry R. Weed, in the place of the Rev. John Chester, D. D., deceased; in the Synod of Geneva, the Rev. William Wisner, in the place of the Rev. Henry Axtell, D. D., deceased; in the Synod of Utica, the Rev. Samuel C. Aiken; in the Synod of Cincinnati, the Rev. Joshua L. Wilson D. D., and in the Synod of Mississippi and South Alabama, the Rev. George Potts, of Natchez, and the Rev. Theodore Clapp, of New Orleans.

The Permanent Clerk was directed to settle his account for services, the account for stationery, and the janitor's bill, by a draft on the Treasurer of the Trustees of the General Assembly; for the payment of which, the Trustees are hereby directed to issue their warrant.

The Assembly having completed its business, the roll was called, agreeably to a standing rule, and it was found that the following members were absent without leave, viz: the Rev. John Monteith, the Rev. William D. Snodgass, and Mr. Furman Leaming.

Resolved, That this Assembly be dissolved, and that another Assembly, chosen in the same maner, be required to meet in the First Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia, on the third Thursday in May 1830, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

Concluded with prayer, singing, and the Apostolic benediction.

STATISTICAL REPORT.

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, on the first of June, A. D. 1829, had under its care nineteen Synods, viz:

I. The Synod of Albany, containing the Presbyteries of 1. Londonderry, 2. Newburyport, 3. Champlain, 4. Troy, 5. Albany, 6. Columbia.

II. The Synod of Utica, containing the Presbyteries of 1. Ogdensburgh, 2. Watertown, 3. Oswego, 4. Oneida, 5. Otsego.

III. The Synod of New York, containing the Presbyteries of 1. Hudson, 2. North River, 3. Long Island, 4. New York, 5. New York Second.

IV. The Synod of New Jersey, containing the Presbyteries of 1. Newark, 2. Elizabethtown, 3. New Brunswick, 4. Newton, 5. Susquehanna.

V. The Synod of Geneva, containing the Presbyteries of 1. Chenango, 2. Cortland, 3. Onondaga, 4. Cayuga, 5. Geneva, 6. Bath, 7. Angelica.

VI. The Synod of Genessee, containing the Presbyteries of 1. Ontario, 2. Rochester, 3. Genessee, 4. Niagara, 5. Buffalo.

VII. The Synod of Philadelphia, containing the Presbyteries of 1. Philadelphia, 2. New Castle, 3. Lewes, 4. Baltimore, 5. The District of Columbia, 6. Carlisle, 7. Huntingdon, 8. Northumberland.

VIII. The Synod of Pittsburgh, containing the Presbyteries of 1. Allegheny, 2. Erie, 3. Hartford, 4. Redstone, 5. Steubenville, 6. Washington, 7. Ohio.

IX. The Synod of the Western Reserve, containing the Presbyteries of 1. Detroit, 2. Grand River, 3. Portage, 4. Huron, 5. Trumbull.

X. The Synod of Ohio, containing the Presbyteries of 1. Columbus, 2. Richland, 3. Lancaster, 4. Athens.

XI. The Synod of Cincinnati, containing the Presbyteries of 1. Chillicothe, 2. Miami, 3. Cincinnati.

XII. The Synod of Indiana, containing the Presbyteries of 1. Salem, 2. Madison, 3. Wabash, 4. Missouri, 5. The Centre of Illinois.

XIII. The Synod of Kentucky, containing the Presbyteries of 1. Louisville, 2. Muhlenberg, 3. Transylvania, 4. West Lexington, 5. Ebenezer.

XIV. The Synod of Virginia, containing the Presbyteries of 1. Winchester, 2. Hanover, 3. Lexington.

XV. The Synod of North Carolina, containing the Presbyteries of 1. Orange, 2. Fayetteville, 3. Concord.

XVI. The Synod of Tennessee, containing the Presbyteries of 1. Abingdon, 2. Union, 3. Holston, 4. French Broad.

XVII. The Synod of West Tennessee, containing the Presbyteries of 1. West Tennessee, 2. Shiloh, 3. North Alabama.

XVIII. The Synod of South Carolina and Georgia, containing the Presbyteries of 1. South Carolina, 2. Bethel, 3. Hopewell, 4. Charleston Union, 5. Georgia.

XIX. The Synod of Mississippi and South Alabama, containing the Presbyteries of 1. Mississippi, 2. South Alabama, and 3. Bigby.

SUMMARY VIEW OF THE PRESBYTERIES, PREPARED BY THE STATED CLERK.

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Londonderry	15			11	78	2	1448	15	99	114	$300 00	$14 00		
Newburyport	11			6			612				100 00			
Champlain	18	1		12	51		598	19	44	63	15 59	10 59		$21 20
Troy	19	2	4	25	208	108	2935	99	175	274	2107 10	47 43	$765 00	838 68
Albany	38	7	18	34	115	144	4988	29	215	244	1927 64	105 44	47 63	814 13
Columbia	21	2	1	13	18	29	1418	13	95	108	1285 50	57 00		543 00
Ogdensburgh	13			10	23		716	3	42	45	215 00	8 25		147 00
Watertown	20		1	25	79	44	1841	34	86	120	375 21	53 24		111 31
Oswego	11	1	1	20	18	101	1436	5	82	87	211 63	11 14		40 22
Oneida	41	3	4	32	59	99	3857	23	120	143	2112 50	54 75		26 00
Otsego	7		1	13	43	23	1284	19	40	59	24 50	19 74	5 75	27 21
Hudson	22	2	5	26	52	25	2095	25	101	126	31 02	43 79		41 14
North River	17	1		23	203		2104	73	112	185	104 82	38 41	5 00	126 00
Long Island	14		3	15	7	8	1158	5	56	61	135 00	42 57		34 75
New York	35	5	19	29	393	331	6410	89	300	389	469 92	211 40	209 00	118 72
New York 2d	8	4	1	6	45		1097	1	36	37	20 00	10 00		150 00
Newark	18	9	3	19	75	94	4052	18	220	238	558 84	48 89		168 98
Elizabethtown	19	2	6	17	112	61	3241	59	139	198	1465 96	81 07	339 50	344 12
N. Brunswick	25	12	5	18	175	34	2284	87	126	213	335 06	49 88	399 50	591 51
Newton	18	1	1	32	91	18	3139	11	171	182	193 23	21 23	56 00	87 70
Susquehanna	13	1	2	30	41		1215	9	98	107	413 39	22 12	33 00	134 19
Chenango	15	3	2	14	69	34	926	37	89	126	239 41	13 87	53 00	48 00
Cortland	11			15	27	25	1379	8	87	95	316 87	13 41		80 25
Onondaga	19	3	3	22	133		1949	19	155	174	632 00	41 79		95 00
Cayuga	33	12	6	43	298		3854	44	224	268	1762 52	61 78		397 27
Geneva	29	1		31	269		3437	55	255	310	1930 29	60 91	228 65	127 44
Bath	10	4	1	18	50	38	1054	22	104	126	122 73	14 50		148 33
Angelica	6			12	53	31	469	21	33	54	94 62	7 12		3 00
Ontario	17		2	20	118	26	963	44	77	121	512 10	31 70	30 00	
Rochester	15	3	1	16			1154							
Genessee	15	2		20	42	40	921	10	73	83	94 50	15 22		
Niagara	7	1		13	45	37	571	19	29	48				
Buffalo	15	1		36	14	37	1107	8	41	49	296 00	17 00		144 00
Philadelphia	40	14	12	44	377	85	6763	118	283	401	4109 51	193 75	822 50	547 62
New Castle	24			36	114	31	4110	25	160	185	772 86	29 00	109 00	592 31
Lewes	7	3	2	15	24		312	4	63	67	11 86	16 86		2 67
Baltimore	9	8	4	7	93	26	991	8	105	113	562 12	20 00	2500 00	1288 00
Dis. Columbia	11	4	2	9	199	25	958	27	89	116	255 71	47 00	80 00	92 67
Carlisle	27	3	5	43	343		4689	61	367	428	680 92	50 50		493 00
Huntingdon	12	1	1	33	278	55	2860	34	292	326	567 24	40 00		116 00
Northumberl'd	13	3	2	22	70	8	1588	11	136	147	615 00	30 00		190 00
Allegheny	10		1	25	67	15	1598	10	126	136	17 46	23 24	128 00	17 25
Erie	14		1	31	124	31	1760	43	156	199	176 12	37 80	15 00	
Hartford	12		2	27	87	45	2792	9	211	220	143 83	31 43	583 12	48 94
Redstone	22	1	1	44	241	57	4200	38	401	439	945 33	69 51	100 00	110 72
Steubenville	11			25	135	78	2037	23	179	202	510 85	30 23		51 00
Washington	12	8	2	22	295	46	2881	58	253	311	575 58	45 88		
Ohio	20	3	4	21	102	83	2819	22	228	250	305 94	68 88		290 62
Detroit	6			6										
Grand River	16			23	67	33	1064	14	74	88	335 00	9 41		
Portage	12			21	100		1015	15	83	98	566 92	12 87		87 37
Huron	18	1		36	48	48	896	29	96	125	132 60	23 56		30 00
Trumbull	10			18			618							
Columbus	9		1	25	290	74	1128	54	144	198	115 90	22 40		3 50
Richland	14			36	158	104	1832	27	230	257	172 76	40 32	6 00	368 87
Lancaster	11	2		34	217	72	1581	56	223	279	665 02	54 25		371 87
Athens	9			12	112	11	844	49	55	104	238 14	17 88		361 18
Chillicothe	12	1	2	22	250	39	1825	44	133	177	879 66	72 40	4 50	210 75
Miami	15			24	457	34	1708	97	224	321	313 75	56 00	257 00	30 78
Cincinnati	19	3	5	26	986	147	2319	282	279	561	459 26	59 79		235 39
Salem	6	1		15	165	17	697	52	88	140	85 87	10 15		5 53
Madison	6			16	238	55	888	49	115	164	31 07	20 00		
Wabash	11			24	154	88	611	27	68	95	71 87	18 00		
Centre of Ill.	10	2		21	16	26	444	15	51	66		7 00		
Missouri	8	1		13	37	88	402	11	32	43	30 50			77 00
Louisville	12			18	360	13	1200	125	128	253		12 00		262 31
Muhlenberg	8			20	29		438	3	22	25	5 00			259 50
Transylvania	12	6	5	23	533	37	2536	265	312	577	113 00	77 37	108 00	2563 30
W. Lexington	15	1	3	20	1124		1836	354	242	596	47 50	110 00		750 00
Ebenezer	7	3	2	19	328	57	1600	100	133	233	404 76	66 00		184 50
Winchester	13	2	2	22	93	7	1026	18	103	121	193 99	40 00	218 62	390 48
Hanover	30	13	6	36	347	31	2207	112	186	298	1808 02	99 00	1693 37	628 01
Lexington	20	1	9	36	115	21	3174	24	242	266	258 08	82 00	353 00	288 26
Orange	26			34	135	15	1500	46	92	138	323 29	153 95	281 75	189 54
Fayetteville	10	3	3	40	63		2130	4	231	235	125 25	90 00	325 51	50 00
Concord	21	3		52	391	4	1974	71	396	467	436 30	51 00	57 12	205 00
Abingdon	9			10	41	1	791	5	37	42				
Union	19	5		26	327		2121	85	241	326		5 00		1232 57
Holston	11	5	10	14	13		2007	2	40	42	230 25		25 00	441 56

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French Broad	6		2	9	33	9	867	15	29	44		$10 00		$125 75
W. Tennessee	16	3	1	24	107	69	1403	23	206	229	$115 00			185 46
Shiloh	10	1	1	24	165	10	976	36	120	156				139 25
N. Alabama	12	1	7	16	304	21	826	92	172	264	149 62	40 00		830 61
S. Carolina	1	3	1	32	167	5	2208	49	100	149		100 00		80 00
Bethel	7	1		17	85		1751	15	119	134			$5 00	
Hopewell	20	4	4	46	597		2020	83	209	292				
Charles. Union	12	1		5	49		669	24	11	35			150 00	
Georgia	8			7	45		747	3	6	9	700 00	15 00		300 00
Harmony	15	2		21	289	12	1185	124	85	209	459 00	45 00		100 00
Mississippi	18	4		22	121	33	795	27	129	156	760 06	60 00		152 25
S. Alabama	17	1	2	25	137		887	42	112	154	299 81			
Bigby	7													
Total 92	1393	205	195	2070	14846	3155	162816	3982	12171	16153	$39180 53	$3442 67	$10054 52	$20390 54

The following Ministers have died within the last year.

Rev. Henry Smith, of the Presbytery of Oswego; Jesse Churchill, Oneida; John Chester, D. D., Albany; Charles Mosher, Henry Axtell, D. D., Geneva; Beriah Hotchkin, Bath; James H. Stuart, Huntingdon; William Spear, Redstone; Charles S. Robinson, Missouri; John M'Farland, Ebenezer; John F. Grier, D. D., James Rooker, Philadelphia; Nathan B. Derrow, Trumbull; Robert Logan, Lexington; Noel Robertson, Fayetteville; Joshua Hart, Long Island; Alexander Cook, Steubenville; Abiel Jones, Grand River; Abraham O. Stansbury, North River; Henry White, South Alabama.

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PHILADELPHIA, May 20, 1830.

THE General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, in the United States of America, met agreeably to appointment, in the first Presbyterian Church, in the city of Philadelphia, Thursday, May 20th, 1830, at 11 o'clock, A. M., and was opened by the Rev. Benjamin H. Rice, the Moderator of the last Assembly, with a sermon from John xviii. 36, 37: "Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world; if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence. Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou a king then? Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice."

The Assembly was constituted with prayer.

The Standing Committee of Commissions reported that the following persons present have been duly appointed Commissioners to this General Assembly, viz.:—

PRESBYTERY OF LONDONDERRY—*Ministers*—Rev. Stephen Morse, Thomas Savage. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF NEWBURYPORT—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF CHAMPLAIN—*Minister*—Rev. Samuel Marsh. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF ALBANY—*Ministers*—Rev. Henry R. Weed, John K. Davis, Marcus Smith. *Elders*—Mr. Sylvanus B. Pond, Ananias Platt.

PRESBYTERY OF TROY—*Ministers*—Rev. Mark Tucker, John Kennedy. *Elder*—Mr. Asa Fitch.

PRESBYTERY OF COLUMBIA—*Ministers*—Rev. William Chester, Calvin Durfy. *Elder*—Mr. John Raynor.

PRESBYTERY OF WATERTOWN—*Ministers*—Rev. James R. Boyd, David Kimball. *Elder*—Mr. Paul Abbot.

PRESBYTERY OF ST. LAWRENCE—*Minister*—Rev. Roswell Pettibone *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF OSWEGO—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF ONEIDA—*Ministers*—Rev. Oliver Wetmore, Leveret Hull. *Elders*—Mr. William F. Winchell, Luther Holbrook.

PRESBYTERY OF OTSEGO—*Minister*—Rev. Samuel Manning. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF CHENANGO—*Ministers*—Rev. Luther Clark, Daniel Waterbury. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF CORTLAND—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF ONONDAGA—*Minister*—Rev. John W. Adams. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF CAYUGA—*Minister*—Rev. Luke Lyons. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF TIOGA—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF GENEVA—*Ministers*—Rev. Morris Barton, Ansel D. Eddy, B. Foster Pratt. *Elder*—Mr. Abijah Marvin.

PRESBYTERY OF BATH—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF ANGELICA—*Minister*—Rev. Phinehas Smith. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF ONTARIO—*Ministers*—Rev. John Barnard, Jr., Jeremiah Stow. *Elders*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF ROCHESTER—*Ministers*—Rev. Benjamin I. Lane, Jacob Hart. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF GENESSEE—*Minister*—Rev. Edmund Ingalls. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF NIAGARA—*Minister*—Rev. Lewis Cheeseman. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF BUFFALO—*Minister*—Rev. Sylvester Eaton. *Elder*—Mr. Joseph Stocking.

PRESBYTERY OF HUDSON—*Ministers*—Rev. Ezra Fisk, D. D., Robert W. Condict. *Elder*—Mr. Henry Miller.

PRESBYTERY OF NORTH RIVER—*Ministers*—Rev. John Johnston, Jared Dewing. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF BEDFORD—*Minister*—Rev. Chester Long. *Elder*—Dr. Matson Smith.

PRESBYTERY OF LONG ISLAND—*Ministers*—Rev. Ezra Young, Phinehas Robinson. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF NEW YORK—*Ministers*—Rev. John Goldsmith, Daniel L. Carroll. *Elders*—Mr. Thomas Masters, George Zabriskie, William Steele.

PRESBYTERY OF NEW YORK, (2d.)—*Minister*—Rev. Benjamin H. Rice. *Elder*—Mr. Samuel Boyd.

PRESBYTERY OF NEWARK—*Ministers*—Rev. Samuel Fisher, D. D., Jacob Tuttle. *Elder*—Mr. Obadiah Woodruff.

PRESBYTERY OF ELIZABETHTOWN—*Ministers*—Rev. Stephen Thompson, William B. Barton. *Elders*—Mr. Jonathan Townley, Joseph Crowell.

PRESBYTERY OF NEW BRUNSWICK—*Ministers*—Rev. Eli F. Cooley, James W. Alexander. *Elder*—Mr. Samuel Bayard.

PRESBYTERY OF NEWTON—*Ministers*—Rev. John F. Clark, Isaac N. Candee. *Elder*—Mr. John Brees.

PRESBYTERY OF SUSQUEHANNA—*Minister*—Rev. Isaac W. Platt. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF PHILADELPHIA—*Ministers*—Rev. Ashbel Green, D. D., Joshua T. Russell, George W. Janvier, Thomas McAuley, D. D. *Elders*—Mr. Robert Smith, Ambrose White, James Kerr.

PRESBYTERY OF NEW CASTLE—*Ministers*—Rev. Ebenezer Dickey, D. D., James Magraw, D. D. *Elders*—Mr. Amos Slaymaker.

PRESBYTERY OF LEWES—*Minister*—Rev. Joshua Moore. *Elder*—Mr. David Mustard.

PRESBYTERY OF BALTIMORE—*Minister*—Rev. Austin O. Hubbard. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA—*Minister*—Rev. Elias Harrison. *Elder*—Mr. John S. Nevius.

PRESBYTERY OF CARLISLE—*Ministers*—Rev. Robert Cathcart, D. D., Henry R. Wilson, McKnight Williamson. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF HUNTINGDON—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF NORTHUMBERLAND—*Ministers*—Rev. George Junkin, Daniel M. Barber. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF ALLEGHENY—*Minister*—Rev. John Core. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF ERIE—*Ministers*—Rev. Wells Bushnell, Giles Doolittle. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF HARTFORD—*Minister*—Rev. William O. Stratton. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF REDSTONE—*Minister*—Rev. Andrew O. Patterson. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF STEUBENVILLE—*Minister*—Rev. John C. Tidball. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF WASHINGTON, Pa.—*Ministers*—Rev. John McClusky, David Elliott. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF OHIO—*Ministers*—Rev. William Jeffery, Elisha P. Swift, Luther Halsey. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF DETROIT—*Minister*—Rev. William Page. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF GRAND RIVER—*Ministers*—Rev. Caleb Burbank, Joseph H. Breck. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF PORTAGE—*Minister*—Rev. John Keys. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF HURON—*Minister*—Rev. Daniel W. Lathrop. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF TRUMBULL—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—Mr. Francis Proctor.

PRESBYTERY OF COLUMBUS—*Minister*—Rev. William Burton. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF RICHLAND—*Ministers*—Rev. John McKinney, Archibald Hanna. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF CHILLICOTHE—*Minister*—Rev. William Dickey. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF LANCASTER—*Minister*—Rev. Thomas B. Clark. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF ATHENS—*Minister*—Rev. Addison Kingsbury. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF MIAMI—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF CINCINNATI—*Minister*—Rev. Elijah Slack, George C. Beckwith. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF OXFORD.—*Minister*—Rev. Adam B. Gilleland. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF SALEM—*Minister*—Rev. Ashbel S. Wells. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF MADISON—*Minister*—Rev. William Sickels. *Elder*—John Sering.

PRESBYTERY OF WABASH—*Minister*—Rev. Ransom Hawley. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF CRAWFORDSVILLE—*Minister*—Rev. John R. Moreland. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF CENTRE OF ILLINOIS—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF MISSOURI—*Minister*—Rev. William S. Potts. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF LOUISVILLE—*Minister*—Rev. John T. Hamilton. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF MUHLENBERG—*Minister*—Rev. William Hamilton. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF TRANSYLVANIA—*Minister*—Rev. Samuel Findley. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF WEST LEXINGTON—*Minister*—Rev. Samuel Steel. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF EBENEZER—*Ministers*—Rev. Dewey Whitney, Nathaniel M. Urmston. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF WINCHESTER—*Ministers*—Rev. Eleazer C. Hutchison, James M. Brown. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF EAST HANOVER—*Minister*—Rev. Wiliam J. Armstrong. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF WEST HANOVER—*Minister*—Rev. Francis Bowman. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF LEXINGTON—*Ministers*—Rev. John Hendren, Francis McFarland. *Elder*—John M. Estill.

PRESBYTERY OF ORANGE—*Ministers*—Rev. Michael Osborne, Samuel Paisley. *Elder*—Dr. Elias Hawes.

PRESBYTERY OF FAYETTEVILLE—*Minister*—Rev. Colin M'Iver. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF CONCORD—*Minister*—Rev. Jesse Rankin. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF ABINGDON—*Minister*—Rev. Dugald M'Intyre. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF UNION—*Minister*—Rev. Gideon S. White, Michael A. Remley. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF HOLSTON—*Minister*—Rev. Frederick A. Ross. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF FRENCH BROAD—*Minister*—Rev. Francis A. McCorkle. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF WEST TENNESSEE—*Minister*—Rev. Obadiah Jennings. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF SHILOH—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF MISSISSIPPI—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF NORTH ALABAMA—*Minister*—Rev. George W. Ashbridge. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF TOMBIGBEE—*Minister*—Rev. Hilary Patrick. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF SOUTH CAROLINA—*Minister*—Rev. Michael Dickson. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF BETHEL—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF HOPEWELL—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF CHARLESTON UNION—*Minister*—Rev. Wm. A. McDowell, D. D. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF HARMONY—*Minister*—Rev. William Brearley. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF GEORGIA—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF SOUTH ALABAMA—*Minister*—Rev. Robert Holman. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of Western District—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.
General Association of Connecticut—Rev. Joshua L. Williams, Luther Hart, Leonard E. Lathrop.
General Association of Massachusetts—None.
General Association of New Hampshire—None.
General Convention of Vermont—Rev. Daniel A. Clark.
General Synod of Reformed Dutch Church—Rev. Peter Labagh.
General Synod of German Reformed Church—Rev. Samuel Helfenstein.
General Conference of Maine—*Elder*—Thomas Adams.

The Committee of Commissions also reported one commission, which has not the name of the Moderator of Presbytery.

Dr. Fisk and Dr. W. A. McDowell were appointed a committee of elections, and the informal commission was referred to them.

The committee of elections reported that they had received satisfactory evidence of the appointment as a commissioner of the person whose commission had been referred to them. Whereupon it was resolved, that his name be enrolled among the list of members.

The Rev. Dr. Ezra Fisk was elected moderator, and the Rev. Sylvester Eaton was elected temporary clerk.

The Assembly had a recess until 4 o'clock this afternoon.

4 *o'clock, P. M.*

After the recess the Assembly met.

At the call of the roll the Stated Clerk furnished the members of the Assembly with the printed Minutes of the last Assembly.

The Stated Clerk, agreeably to a standing rule, presented a docket of business, which was read.

Dr. Fisher, Dr. W. A. McDowell, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Potts, Mr. Morse, Mr. Eddy, and Mr. Williams, *ministers;* and Mr. Miller, Mr. Fitch, Mr. Slaymaker, and Mr. Proctor, *elders,* were appointed a committee of bills and overtures, to meet immediately after the adjournment of the Assembly this evening, and afterwards on their own adjournments.

Dr. McAuley, Mr. Jennings, Mr. Weed, Dr. Dickey, and Mr. Daniel A. Clark, *ministers;* and Mr. Bayard, Mr. S. Boyd, and Mr. Ananias Platt, *elders,* were appointed a judicial committee, to meet on the rising of the Assembly tomorrow morning, and afterwards on their own adjournments.

Mr. Johnston, Mr. Harrison, and Mr. Masters, were appointed a committee to receive an account of the miles travelled by the commissioners to the Assembly, and to make an apportionment of the commissioners' fund, agreeably to a standing rule on the subject.

Resolved, That it be the order of the day for Monday next to receive from the Presbyteries and corresponding bodies, written accounts of the state of religion within their bounds. Mr. Tucker, Mr. Condict, Mr. Patterson, Mr. Leonard E. Lathrop, and Mr. Labagh, were appointed a committee to take notes, and prepare a narrative of the state of religion.

Dr. Green, Mr. Janvier, Mr. Samuel Steel, Mr. Wetmore, and Mr. McIver, were appointed a committee of arrangements for the religious services of Wednesday next; which, agreeably to a standing rule, is to be devoted to religious exercises.

Resolved, That Mr. Rice, Mr. Dickson, Mr. Swift, Mr. J. F. Clark, and Mr. Chester, *ministers;* with Mr. Holbrook and Mr. R. Smith, *elders,* be a committee to consider whether it is expedient that the Assembly, as such, should celebrate the ordinance of the Lord's Supper during their sessions; and if so, when; and to report as soon as practicable.

Mr. Samuel Boyd had leave of absence until an early part of next week.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

May 21st, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Assembly met, and was constituted with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The committee of commissions reported the following additional members, who appeared and took their seats, viz: Rev. Solomon Lyman, from the Presbytery of Champlain; Rev. Enoch Bouton, from the Presbytery of Trumbull; Rev. Richard S. Corning, from the Presbytery of Onondaga; Rev. James Linn, from the Presbytery of Huntingdon; Mr. Robert Wilkinson, a ruling elder from the Presbytery of North River; Dr. Elisha Murdock, a ruling elder from the Presbytery of Columbia; Mr. Alexander N. Dougherty, a ruling elder from the Presbytery of Newark; Rev. John C. Young, of the Presbytery of West Lexington; Rev. William Wisner, from the Presbytery of Cayuga; the Rev. Marcus Ford, from the Presbytery of Tioga; and the Rev. Lyman Beecher, D. D., from the General Association of Massachusetts.

The committee of commissions also reported a commission from the Presbytery of New Castle, for Dr. Nathaniel W. Sample, a ruling elder, which is not in due form. This commission was committed to the committee of elections. Dr. Fisk, one of that committee, having been elected moderator, Mr. Slack was appointed in his place.

Resolved, That it be the order of the day for to-morrow morning to receive the report of the Board of Missions.

The committee of overtures reported overtures marked Nos. I. and II. These overtures were read. No. 1 was committed to Mr. Wisner, Dr. Cathcart, and Mr. Weed; and No. 2 was committed to Dr. Green, Dr. Magraw, Dr. Dickey, Mr. Goldsmith, and Mr. Whitney.

The committee of elections reported in favour of receiving Dr. Nathaniel W. Sample, a ruling elder from the Presbytery of New Castle, whose commission was referred to them; and Dr. Sample took his seat as a member.

The following committees were appointed to examine the Synodical Records, viz:—

The Records of the Synod of Albany, Mr. McIntire and Mr. Ashbridge..

Records of the Synod of Utica, Mr. Ross, Mr. McCorkle, and Mr. Woodruff.

Records of the Synod of New York, Mr. McIver, Mr. White, and Mr. Sering.

Records of the Synod of New Jersey, Mr. Armstrong, Mr. Bowman, and Mr. Estill.

Records of the Synod of Geneva, Mr. McFarland, Mr. Rankin, and Dr. Hawes.

Records of the Synod of Genessee, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Harrison, and Mr. Nevius.

Records of the Synod of Philadelphia, Mr. Long, Mr. E. Young, and Mr. R. Smith.

Records of the Synod of Pittsburgh, Mr. Goldsmith, Mr. Lyons, and Mr. Zabriskie.

Records of the Synod of Western Reserve, Mr. Carroll, Mr. Williamson, and Mr. W. Steele.

Records of the Synod of Ohio, Dr. Cathcart, Mr. Junkin, and Mr. Mustard.

Records of the Synod of Cincinnati, Mr. J. W. Adams, Mr. Waterbury, and Mr. Holbrook.

Records of the Synod of Indiana, Dr. Magraw, Mr. Pratt, and Mr. Ambrose White.

Records of the Synod of Kentucky, Mr. Chester, Mr. J. R Boyd, and Mr. Abbot.

Records of the Synod of Virginia, Mr. Savage, Mr. Marsh, and Mr. Pond.

Records of the Synod of North Carolina, Mr. Marcus Smith, Mr. Pettibone, and Mr. Winchell.

Records of the Synod of Tennessee, Mr. J. W. Platt, Mr. Ingalls, and Mr. Brees.

Records of the Synod of West Tennessee, Mr. Cooley, Mr. Thompson, and Mr. Crowell.

Records of the Synod of South Carolina and Georgia, Mr. Slack, Mr. Gilleland, and Mr. Townley.

Records of the Synod of Mississippi and South Alabama, Mr. Halsey, Mr. Burbank, and Mr. Stocking.

The Synodical Records were called for, and directed to be put into the hands of the respective committees.

The delegates appointed to attend the General Association of Connecticut, the General Association of Massachusetts, the General Conference of Maine, the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church, and the German Reformed Synod, reported respectively, and their reports were accepted.

The two following resolutions, adopted by the General Association of Massachusetts, and contained in the report of the delegates to that body, were approved by this Assembly, and ordered to be entered on the minutes, viz:

Resolved, 1. That this Association having learned that the existing rule of intercourse with the General Assembly, so far as it respects the right of voting in the legislative and judicial proceedings of that body, transcends the power vested in it, do waive their accustomed privilege of voting by their delegates in said body in such proceedings; desiring that as much of the same reciprocal intercourse, which has for a series of years so pleasantly existed between said bodies, may continue, as shall not conflict with the fundamental principles of their organization.

2. That this Association regret that their proceedings on the subject of receiving licentiates and candidates, &c., at the last meeting of the General Association, were not entirely satisfactory to the General Assembly. On the broad ground of heresy and immorality, they have no hesitancy in expressing their opinion, that it would be irregular for either body to receive licentiates, candidates, and ministers, without the usual certificates and recommendations; but as views of Christian ministers on the subject of ecclesiastical order may honestly differ, and as this Association has no control, either legislative or judicial, over the respective Associations of which it is composed, they can only refer the resolutions of the Assembly on this subject to the particular consideration of their district associations, with the fullest confidence that on questions of "ecclesiastical order," as well as on every other subject, they will be disposed to meet the views and promote the interests of our highly respected and beloved brethren of the Presbyterian Church."

Resolved, That it be the order of the day for this afternoon to nominate delegates to attend corresponding bodies.

A communication was received from the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church, relative to the case of Mr. Leonard B. Van Dyke; and also, proposing an additional article to the articles of correspondence between that body and the General Assembly. This communication was read and referred to Dr. McDowell, Mr. Tucker, and Mr. Zabriskie.

Certain resolutions of the Presbytery of Madison, and also of the Presbytery of Lancaster were received and read, and committed to Mr. Elliot, Mr. Halsey, Dr. Beecher, Mr. Wilkinson, and Mr. Nevius.

A communication respecting lands belonging to the Trustees of the General Assembly, was received and read, and referred to the said Trustees, that they might take order on the same.

A reference from the Presbytery of Cayuga, relative to the constitutionality of a rule of that body, was received and read, and referred to Mr. Cooley, Mr. Dickson, and Mr. William Steele.

The Permanent Clerk informed the Assembly, that there have been put into his hands the following appeals, viz.

An appeal of Dr. John Rollins, from a decision of the Synod of West Tennessee: an appeal of the church of Bergen from a decision of the Synod of Genessee: and an appeal of Mr. Matthew H. Rice, from a decision of the Presbytery of East Hanover. These appeals, with the documents in the cases respectively, were referred to the judicial committee.

A number of copies of the printed minutes of the General Association of Massachusetts, of the General Association of New Hampshire, of the General Convention of Vermont, and of the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church, were received, and referred to Dr. Cathcart, Mr. Moore, and Mr. Hubbard, to be distributed among the members.

On motion resolved, That Dr. Dickey, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Whitney, Mr. Bayard, and Mr. Sample be a committee to consider the subject of the religious education of the rising generation, and report on the same to this Assembly.

Resolved, That it be the order of the day for to-morrow morning, after receiving the report of the Board of Missions, to receive the report of the Board of Education.

Adjourned till 4 o'clock this afternoon. Concluded with prayer.

4 o'clock, P. M.

The Assembly met, and was constituted with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The committee of commissions reported the following additional members, who appeared and took their seats, viz., Rev. Stephen N. Rowan, D. D., from the Presbytery of New York; Rev. James B. Wilcox, from the Presbytery of Genessee; Dr. Worthington Wright, a ruling elder, from the Presbytery of Rochester; and Mr. William M'Donald, a ruling elder, from the Presbytery of Baltimore.

The committee on Overture No. 1, viz., the following reference from the Presbytery of Steubenville—"Ought an unbaptized person who yet pays his proportion for the support of a congregation, to be permitted to vote for *ruling elders?*"—made the following report, which was adopted, viz.

That in the opinion of your committee, the office of ruling elder is an office in the Church of Christ; that ruling elders as such, according to our Confession of Faith, Book 1, on Government, chap. v. "Are the representatives of the people by whom they are chosen, for the purpose of exercising government and discipline in the kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ; that the discipline lawfully exercised by them, is the discipline exercised through them by their constituents, in whose name and by whose authority they act in all that they do. To suppose, therefore, that an unbaptized person not belonging to the visible kingdom of the Redeemer, might vote at the election of ruling elders, would be to establish the principle, that the children of this world might, through their representatives, exercise discipline in the church of God; which is manifestly unscriptural, and contrary to the standards of our church: your committee would therefore recommend, that the question in the said overture, be answered in the negative.

The committee appointed to consider, whether it is expedient that the Assembly as such, should celebrate the ordinance of the Lord's supper, during their sessions, and if so, when;—made a report, which being read and amended was adopted, and is as follows, viz. That in the opinion of the committee,

such a celebration is not only expedient, but desirable, and with the blessing of the gracious Head of the Church, who often manifests himself to his people in the breaking of bread, would be attended with great advantages. The committee would, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolutions, viz.

1. *Resolved*, That the members of the Assembly, will celebrate the Lord's supper on next Sabbath, at 5 o'clock in the afternoon, in the First Presbyterian church.

2. *Resolved*, That such other ministers and members of the Presbyterian church, and of sister churches, as may be disposed to attend, be affectionately invited.

3. *Resolved*, That the committee who reported these resolutions, be a committee to make arrangements, and to designate ministers who shall officiate in the administration of the ordinance.

Nominations were made for delegates to attend the several ecclesiastical bodies holding correspondence with the General Assembly.

Resolved, That it be the order of the day for Tuesday morning next, to receive the reports of the committees appointed to examine the Synodical Records.

Overture No. 3, viz. an application for the division of the Synod of Virginia, was taken up, and after reading the documents, was laid on the table.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Saturday, May 22d, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Assembly met, and was constituted with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The committee of Commissions reported Mr. John M. C. Irwin, a ruling elder from the Presbytery of West Lexington, as a member of the house. He appeared and took his seat.

The committee of arrangements for conducting the religious exercises of Wednesday next, made a report which was adopted.

Also, the committee of arrangements for conducting the exercises at the administration of the Lord's supper to-morrow afternoon, made a report which was adopted.

The Assembly proceeded to the election of delegates to the corresponding bodies. The ballots were received, and committed to Mr. Hendren, Mr. Patrick, and Mr. Urmston, to count them, and to report the result to the Assembly.

The Board of Missions presented their annual report, which was read by their Corresponding Secretary and General Agent, and accepted.

This report was committed to Mr. Wilson, Mr. Cooley, Mr. Ashbridge, Mr. Moreland, and Mr. Alexander.

A resolution was offered on the subject of catechetical instruction, which was referred to the committee on the religious education of the rising generation.

The Board of Education presented their annual report, which was read by their Corresponding Secretary and General Agent, and accepted. This report was committed to Mr. Jennings, Mr. M'Farland, Dr. Magraw, Mr. Swift, and Mr. Weed.

The committee of overtures reported overture No. 7, which was read.

Resolved, That the consideration of this overture be made the order of the day for Thursday next.

The committee appointed by the last General Assembly to consider the expediency of establishing "a *Missionary Institution*" for the instruction and train-

ing of Missionaries under the care of the General Assembly, and in connection with the Theological Seminary at Princeton, made a report, which was committed to Dr. M'Auley, Mr. Weed, Mr. Cooley, Mr. Goldsmith, and Mr. Bayard.

Mr. Lane had leave of absence.

The committee appointed to count the votes for delegates to the several ecclesiastical bodies, holding correspondence with the Assembly, reported, and the following persons were declared duly elected, viz :—

The Rev. William A. M'Dowell, D. D., the Rev. George C. Beckwith, and the Rev. Obadiah Jennings, to attend the General Association of Connecticut.

The Rev. William A. M'Dowell, D. D., and the Rev. George C. Beckwith, to attend the General Association of Massachusetts; and the Rev. Obadiah Jennings, to be the alternate to either of them who may fail.

The Rev. Ebenezer Dickey, D. D., to attend the General Association of New Hampshire, and the General Convention of Vermont; and the Rev. John Kennedy to be his alternate.

The Rev. John W. Adams, to attend the General Conference of Maine; and the Rev. Dewey Whitney to be his alternate.

The Rev. Archibald Alexander, D. D., and Mr. Samuel Bayard, ruling elder, to attend the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church; and the Rev. James Carnahan, D. D., and Mr. Obadiah Woodruff, ruling elder, to be their alternates.

The Rev. Ezra S. Ely, D. D., and the Rev. James M. Brown, to attend the Synod of the German Reformed Church; and the Rev. Matthew L. Fullerton, and the Rev. Robert Cathcart, D. D., to be their alternates.

The Board of Missions informed the Assembly that there would be a public meeting on Thursday evening next, in the First Presbyterian Church, at which time parts of the report of said Board would be read, and addresses made in favour of the objects of the Board.

Adjourned till Monday morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Monday, May 24, 9 *o'clock, P. M.*

The Assembly met, and was constituted with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The Committee of Commissions reported the following additional members, who appeared and took their seats, viz :—Mr. John Carpenter, a ruling elder from the Presbytery of New Brunswick; Mr. Robert G. Johnson, a ruling elder from the Presbytery of Philadelphia; Rev. William J. Frazer, from the Presbytery of Miami, and Mr. William Phillips, a ruling elder from the Presbytery of Hudson.

The sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered yesterday afternoon, at 5 o'clock, in the First Presbyterian Church, to the members of the General Assembly, and other ministers and members of churches, agreeably to the plan of the committee of arrangements.

The committee of overtures reported overture No. 8, which was referred to the Trustees of the General Assembly.

Mr. Linn, Mr. J. W. Adams, Mr. Zabriskie, and Mr. Wilkinson, were appointed a committee to examine the Treasurer's book, laid on the table, and report the state of the several funds belonging to the Assembly.

The Assembly proceeded, agreeably to the order of the day, to receive from the Presbyteries written accounts of the state of religion. Having spent the forenoon in this business, it was resolved, that the remaining Presbyteries hand in their reports to the committee on the Narrative, without reading them to the Assembly.

Adjourned till 4 o'clock this afternoon. Concluded with prayer.

4 o'clock, P. M.

The Assembly met, and was constituted with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

Accounts of the state of religion within their respective bounds were received from the delegates from corresponding bodies.

The committee on the report of the Board of Missions reported that they have carefully examined the same, and recommend to the Assembly that it be adopted, and put into the hands of the executive committee for publication. This report was adopted.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Tuesday, May 25th, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Assembly met, and was constituted with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The Committee of Commissions reported the following additional members, who appeared and took their seats, viz :—Rev. John M'Lean, from the Presbytery of New Brunswick, Mr. Samuel Holcomb, a ruling elder, from the Presbytery of New Brunswick, and the Rev. Elias Cornelius, D. D., from the General Association of Massachusetts.

The committee appointed by the General Assembly of 1829 to consider and report to the Assembly of 1830 on the manner in which ministers and licentiates are to be received into any of our Presbyteries from ecclesiastical bodies in the United States, which correspond with this General Assembly, made the following report, which was adopted, viz :—

That in their judgment every licentiate coming by certificate to any Presbytery in connection with the General Assembly from any portion of a corresponding ecclesiastical body, should be required to answer in the affirmative the constitutional questions, directed by chapter xiv. of our form of government to be put to our own candidates before they are licensed: and that in like manner every ordained minister of the gospel, coming from any church in correspondence with the General Assembly, by certificate of dismission and recommendation, should be required to answer affirmatively the first seven questions directed by chapter xv. of our form of government, to be put to one of our own licentiates when about to be ordained to the sacred office.

The course which is thus recommended by the committee, they believe has been generally practised by our Presbyteries; and the impropriety of admitting strangers into our connection on other terms than our own licentiates and ministers is too obvious to require remark. It is the assent of licentiates and ministers to these questions which brings them under the watch and care of the Presbyteries which receive them, and without which they ought not to enjoy the privileges of preachers of the gospel in our ecclesiastical connection.

The committee appointed by the General Assemby of 1829 to consider the following question, viz: "What mode of proceeding shall be adopted in organizing churches, under our present Constitution?" and to report an answer to the General Assembly of 1830, made a report, which was laid on the table.

The committee to whom was referred the communication from the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch church, made the following report, which was adopted, viz :

That they have carefully considered the subject referred to them, and have come to the conclusion, that this Assembly should concur in the resolution proposed by that Synod. The committee deem the resolution just, and proper in itself, and well calculated to preserve the harmony, which at present happily exists between the two bodies.

They would, therefore, recommend that the article proposed to be added to

the present articles of correspondence between the two churches, be adopted, in the words following, viz.

"That none of the inferior judicatories under the care of the corresponding churches, shall be at liberty to admit into their respective bodies, or under their care, any student or licentiate from their sister church, without a regular dismission from the ecclesiastical body, or Theological Seminary, to which he is considered as attached."

The committee of Overtures, reported Overture No. 9. The papers were read, and the overture committed to Dr. Rowan, Mr. Wisner, Mr. Jennings, Mr. Moreland, and Mr. Remley.

The Assembly proceeded agreeably to the order of the day, to receive the reports of the committees appointed to examine the Synodical Records.

The committees appointed to examine the Records of the Synods of Albany, Utica, New York, New Jersey, Genessee, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Western Reserve, Indiana, Kentucky, Virginia, North Carolina, West Tennessee, South Carolina, and Georgia, reported respectively, and the Records were severally approved.

The committee appointed to examine the Records of the Synod of Geneva, reported that the book be approved, with the exception, "that it does not appear from the record, that they finally closed their sessions with prayer," which report was adopted.

The committees appointed to examine the Records of the Synods of Ohio, Cincinnati, Tennessee, and Mississippi and South Alabama, reported respectively that the Records have not been put into their hands. *Resolved*, That these committees be discharged.

The committee to whom was referred, by the last General Assembly, the memorial of the West Lexington Presbytery, made the following report, which was adopted, viz. :

That the said memorial sets forth the evils which in the opinion of the memorialists, threaten the church from the operation of numerous Theological Seminaries existing independently of the General Assembly, and adopting different systems of government, and different courses of study. To counteract these evils it proposes, that the General Assembly should take all the Theological Seminaries throughout our bounds, under its immediate and absolute control, and prescribe a course of study which shall be uniform in them all.

These are the prominent points of the memorial under consideration. Your committee are ready to acknowledge, that there are evils of a very formidable character, which are likely to arise from the indefinite multiplication of Theological Seminaries, under the care of a single Synod or Presbytery. They fear, that the standard of Theological education, in the Presbyterian church, will ultimately fall far below that maintained in some other Christian denominations, and thus the respectability and usefulness of our clergy be greatly impaired. They believe, also, that much good, that might have resulted from having a larger portion of our young men brought into personal acquaintance with each other, and educated upon the same plan, must now be lost; and that we must content ourselves with less of harmony of feeling, and unity of sentiment than might, under other circumstances, have been secured. Believing however, that it is perfectly competent to every Presbytery or Synod, to adopt what plan they may think best, not inconsistent with the Constitution of the church, for the education of their own young men; and finding that the Assembly has long sanctioned their so doing, your committee are of opinion that this subject is not within the rightful jurisdiction of the General Assembly; and that even if it were, it would, under existing circumstances, be highly inexpedient to adopt the course proposed by the memorialists. They therefore beg to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

On motion, it was resolved, that Mr. Junkin, Mr. D. A. Clark, Mr. Hart, Mr. Bayard, and Mr. A. Platt, be a committee to take into consideration the subject of lotteries in general, and to report to the Assembly whether any, and if any, what measures, can be adopted for the prevention of this species of gambling.

On motion, it was also resolved, that Dr. Dickey, Dr. Cornelius, and Mr. Stocking, be a committee to consider the measures proper to be adopted, to promote the sanctification of the Sabbath.

On motion, it was also further resolved, that Mr. M'Lean, Mr. Holman, and Mr. Phillips, be a committee to prepare a minute expressive of the views of the Assembly, as to measures suitable to be adopted to promote the cause of temperance.

The committee to whom was referred the subject of the religious education of the rising generation, made a report, which was laid on the table.

The committee to whom was referred Overture No. 9, viz., complaints from the Presbyteries of French Broad and Union against the Board of Missions, for declining to appoint two Missionaries, reported, and while their report was under consideration, the Assembly adjourned till this afternoon at half-past 3 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Tuesday, half-past 3 *o'clock, P. M.*

The Assembly met, and was constituted with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The Assembly had a recess, to attend the Anniversary of the American Sunday School Union.

After recess the Assembly met.

Mr. Wilkinson, and Mr. Dougherty, had leave of absence.

Adjourned for business, till Thursday morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Thursday, May 27*th,* 9 *o'clock, A. M.*

The Assembly met, and was constituted with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

Yesterday was spent by the Assembly in religious exercises, agreeably to the plan reported by the committee of arrangements. At 10 o'clock, the Assembly convened in their usual place of meeting, and spent the time until 1 o'clock in prayer, praise, reading the Scriptures, and exhortation. At 4 o'clock, P. M., the Assembly met in the First Presbyterian church, with the congregation assembled. The exercises were conducted in a manner similar to those of the morning. The day was one of great interest and solemnity.

Dr. Green, Mr. Cooley, Mr. Wisner, Dr. Cornelius, and Mr. D. A. Clark, were appointed a committee to prepare and submit a letter to the churches on the subject of the monthly concert of prayer.

Mr. M'Donald and Dr. Sample had leave of absence.

The Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary at Princeton presented their annual report, which was read and committed to Mr. Wilson, Mr. Goldsmith, and Mr. Alexander.

The Trustees of the Theological Seminary at Princeton made their annual report, which was read and committed to the same committee as the report of the Board of Directors.

Nominations were made for Directors of the Theological Seminary at Princeton.

The committee of overtures reported overture No. 10, which was put upon the docket.

Resolved, That it be the order of the day for to-morrow morning to hear the report of the Western Theological Seminary.

The committee appointed to examine the Treasurer's book laid on the table, and to report the state of the several funds belonging to the Assembly, made the following report, which was adopted, viz: That they have conferred together, and with the Treasurer, and are able to say only, that the funds of the Assembly are invested in Bank and other stocks, at interest of 5, 6, and 7 per cent. With respect to the present state of the several funds, they are not able to say anything, as the items of receipts and disbursements are entered promiscuously in a common day book, and could not be drawn out separately without several days of investigation.

They therefore offer the following resolution, that the committee be discharged, and that the Board of Trustees be required to report the state of the several funds to the present Assembly; or, if this is not practicable, to the next Assembly.

The Board of Directors of the Union Theological Seminary presented their annual report, which was read and ordered to be printed in the appendix to the minutes.

The Assembly resumed the consideration of the report of the committee on overture No. 9, and having discussed the subject at considerable length,

Adjourned till this afternoon at 4 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

4 o'clock, P. M.

The Assembly met, and was constituted with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The committee on milage reported, that the number of miles to Philadelphia, travelled by the commissioners who wish to draw from the commissioners' fund, is 37,109; that the commissioners' fund this year, as reported by the Treasurer, is $1,869 82, which affords *five* cents per mile.

Your committee have divided the fund among the commissioners according to their respective milage, as appears by the annexed detailed statement; and there is left a balance in the hands of the Treasurer of $14 37, in favour of this fund.

Resolved, That the Trustees of the General Assembly be and they hereby are directed to issue a warrant for the payment of $1,855 45 to the commissioners, agreeably to the report of the committee on milage.

The Assembly resumed the consideration of the report of the committee on overture No. 9; and after some discussion it was recommitted to the same committee.

The judicial committee made a report in relation to the appeal from the church in Bergen, from a decision of the Synod of Genessee, and which was read and recommitted to the judicial committee.

The committee to whom was referred the report of a committee of the last General Assembly on the subject of a missionary institution, in connection with the Theological Seminary at Princeton, made a report, which was laid on the table.

The committee to whom was recommitted the report on overture No. 9, made the following report, which was adopted, viz:—

In answer to the questions propounded by the Presbyteries of Union and French Broad, the Assembly would say, that though they do not recognize in the Board of Missions the authority to sit in judgment upon the orthodoxy or morality of any minister who is in good standing in his own Presbytery, yet, from the necessity of the case, they must exercise their own sound discretion upon the expediency or inexpediency of appointing or withholding an appointment from any applicant, holding themselves amenable to the General Assembly for all their official acts.

Resolved, That the consideration of the report in relation to a Missionary

Institution at Princeton be made the order of the day for to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock.

The committee to whom was referred the annual report of the Board of Education made a report, the consideration of which was made the order of the day for to-morrow afternoon.

The committee to whom was referred certain resolutions of the Presbyteries of Madison and Lancaster, made a report, which was accepted.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Friday, May 28th, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Assembly met, and was constituted with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The committee of commissions reported the Rev. John H. Rice, D. D., from the Presbytery of West Hanover, as a member of the Assembly. Dr. Rice appeared and took his seat.

The Assembly proceeded to the election of Directors of the Theological Seminary at Princeton. The ballots were taken and committed to Mr. Carroll, Mr. J. T. Hamilton, and Mr. Brearly, to count them and report the result to the Assembly.

The Board of Directors of the Western Theological Seminary presented their annual report, which was read, and committed to Mr. Elliot, Mr. Stratton, and Mr. McClusky.

Mr. J. F. Clark, Dr. Magraw, Mr. Janvier, Mr. William B. Barton, and Mr. A. White, were appointed a committee to nominate a Board of Missions for the ensuing year.

Overture No. 7, which was made the order of the day for yesterday, viz: A memorial of the Presbytery of Cincinnati, respecting a division of the General Assembly, and a memorial of the Presbytery of Columbus against such division, and requesting that the representation in the Assembly may be lessened, and the delegates be appointed by Synods; and also a paper containing certain resolutions relative to the same subjects, was taken up; and having been discussed until 11 o'clock, the discussion was suspended to take up the order of the day, viz: The report of the committee in relation to a Missionary Institution, in connection with the Theological Seminary at Princeton. The committee appointed by the last Assembly were heard in explanation of their views in the report which they have presented to this Assembly.

The committee appointed to count the votes for Directors of the Theological Seminary at Princeton reported, when it appeared that the following persons are duly elected Directors for three years, viz:—

Ministers—Rev. Ashbel Green, D. D., John M'Dowell, D. D., William Neill, D. D., Ezra S. Ely, D. D., Henry R. Weed, William D. Snodgrass, Joshua T. Russell.

Elders—Samuel Bayard, Samuel Boyd, Benjamin Strong.

The committee to whom was recommitted the book of Psalms and Hymns, submitted to the last General Assembly, made a report which was put upon the docket. Accompanying this report were a number of printed copies of alterations and additions, proposed by the committee to be made to the book. The copies of these proposed alterations and additions were committed to the committee of distribution, to be distributed among the members.

The Assembly resumed the consideration of the report, in relation to a missionary institution in connection with the Theological Seminary at Princeton; and having spent some time in this business,

Adjourned till this afternoon at 4 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

4 o'clock, P. M.

The Assembly met, and was constituted with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The committee of commissions reported two additional members, who appeared and took their seats, viz., the Rev. Zebulon Butler, from the Presbytery of Mississippi; and Mr. Andrew Howell, an elder from the Reformed Dutch Church.

The judicial committee to whom was recommitted the appeal of the church of Bergen, made the following report, which was adopted, viz.

They recommend that said appeal be dismissed, on the ground that the only paper which appears to be intended as an appeal, is without date or signature, or evidence that it was ever before the Synod of Genessee, or lodged with the Moderator of said Synod.

The Stated Clerk reported that he had, agreeably to instructions of the last Assembly, distributed gratuitously among the more remote and destitute churches, a number of copies of the Constitution of the Presbyterian church, equal to the amount of income from the publication of said Constitution.

The report containing the detail of this distribution, was directed to be put upon the files of the Assembly.

The Assembly resumed the consideration of the report in relation to a missionary institution, in connection with the Theological Seminary at Princeton: and after considerable discussion, the report of the committee was adopted, and is as follows, viz.

The committee to whom was referred the report of a committee of the last General Assembly, on the subject of a missionary institution, in connection with the Theological Seminary at Princeton, beg leave to recommend to the General Assembly the adoption of the report of the said committee, with the exception of the third resolution; and also the adoption of the following resolutions, viz.

1. That the General Assembly will proceed to appoint a professor in conformity with the recommendation contained in the said report, as soon as a sufficient annual income can be secured to support the said professor: and,

2. That the whole subject be referred back to the original committee.

The report of the committee appointed on this subject by the last Assembly, and adopted by adopting the above report of the committee to whom it was referred, is as follows, viz.

The Committee appointed by the last General Assembly to consider the expediency of establishing "a Missionary Institution, for the instruction and training of Missionaries, under the care of the General Assembly, and in connection with the Theological Seminary at Princeton," beg leave to report.

That, after repeated meetings, and mature deliberation on the subject committed to them, they are of the opinion, that such an Institution as this appointment seems to contemplate, is much needed, and, if wisely established and maintained, may be expected, under the divine blessing, to contribute much to the advancement of the Redeemer's kingdom.

The missionary cause is assuming an importance, and its operations an extent, which must more and more interest the religious public. Every thing, therefore, that is adapted to impart a new impulse to the missionary spirit; to give it a wise and happy direction; or to bring a larger number of individuals, and especially of candidates for the holy ministry under its immediate influence, cannot fail of proving both reasonable and useful. The committee are, therefore, persuaded that the General Assembly could scarcely adopt a measure better adapted to aid the missionary cause; to draw down the richest and most appropriate blessings on the students of the Theological Seminary; to meet and gratify public opinion; and to furnish a centre of information, of instruc-

tion, and of impulse in reference to this great subject, from which invaluable results might be expected.

The spirit of the religion of Jesus Christ is essentially a spirit of Missions; and, undoubtedly, one of the first and highest duties of the Christian church, is to nurture and extend this spirit, and to make all her establishments tributary to its advancement. The importance, therefore, of connecting an institution of the kind proposed, with a Seminary in which a large number of candidates for the holy ministry are assembled, is obvious. Its native tendency, if properly conducted, will be to kindle among the rising ministry, a new and more fervent zeal on behalf of missions; to call forth, animate and prepare larger numbers of missionaries, both for the foreign and domestic field; and, eventually, to diffuse, throughout all our churches more of that deep and practical sense of obligation in reference to this subject, of the want of which we have so much reason to complain, and the increase of which is so earnestly to be desired.

In another view, also, the committee believe that such an institution as that which is now contemplated, would be productive of incalculable benefit. The great importance of maintaining a spirit of deep and elevated piety in our Theological Seminaries, has been always acknowledged by the friends of vital religion, and is beginning, it is hoped, to attract more of the attention of those who are entrusted with their management. Unless such a spirit can be, in some good degree, maintained among assembled candidates for the holy ministry, Theological Seminaries will, assuredly, not prove a real blessing to the church, but rather the reverse. Now the committee are fully convinced that it would not be easy to suggest a plan better adapted to subserve this great object, than to connect with a Theological Institution, a department of instruction, the primary purpose of which should be, to cherish fervent love for immortal souls; large views and plans of evangelical usefulness; and every species of knowledge, and of practical accomplishment adapted to prepare the sons of the church for spreading the gospel throughout the world. Even those who never actually engage in missionary work, will be likely to be essentially benefited by such an appendage to the usual course of instruction;—to have their personal zeal for the salvation of men increased; their preparation for pastoral fidelity promoted; their knowledge of the wants and miseries of perishing souls extended; and their ultimate capacity for actively favouring the missionary cause, wherever their lot may be cast, greatly enlarged. In this, and in various other ways, it is manifest, that in Theological Seminaries, as well as in the church at large, every effectual step that is taken to extend the missionary cause, tends no less surely, to promote piety and pastoral fidelity at home; and to render every new minister that is added to the church, a new centre of influence and of action for the spread of the gospel.

It would, moreover, be desirable to have some place provided where men destined to foreign missions might profitably spend a year or a few months in such studies and exercises as would tend to prepare and qualify them for their arduous and interesting work. At present much time frequently elapses before the missionary can be conveniently sent to his field of labour; which time would be much more advantageously spent in retirement, study, and devotion, than in travelling as an agent.

It has also occurred to your committee, that if the proposed institution should be established, and adequately fostered by the favor of the church, it might hereafter be expedient to have provision made for the comfortable support of aged and invalid missionaries on their return to their native country. It is due to men who have exhausted their health, their strength, and their years in the service of the church to be furnished with a peaceful asylum for their latter days.

The committee are further persuaded, that public sentiment in the Presbyte-

rian Church is ripe for such an institution as that which is now under consideration, and prepared promptly and fully to sustain it. And as other Theological Seminaries are increasing the number of their officers and departments of instruction, it is respectfully submitted whether immediate measures ought not to be taken for a corresponding enlargement of the institution at Princeton, if its friends are desirous of seeing it keep pace with sister institutions in growth and usefulness.

Indeed, so deeply convinced are the committee of the salutary tendency of such an appendage to an institution destined for training up ministers, that they indulge the hope of seeing, before the lapse of many years, such an addition to every Theological Seminary in the land, which has a sufficient number of pupils to demand and warrant the enterprise. They firmly believe that the pecuniary resources of such institutions cannot be bestowed upon an object more likely to be productive of the richest blessings to themselves, and to the whole church.

The committee are of the opinion, however, that a large and expensive establishment ought not, in the outset, to be attempted. A small and humble beginning will, perhaps, be most likely to lead to the best results, by gradual enlargement, as experience may dictate. Some of the most extensive and important institutions now in existence took their rise from small beginnings. Nothing more, therefore, ought, in the opinion of the committee, to be contemplated at present than the commencement of a plan, which may be enlarged and strengthened, as the Assembly may hereafter think proper, and be able to command resources. And as the constitution of the Seminary at Princeton admits, without alteration, of an indefinite addition to the number of its Professors, the committee, therefore, unanimously recommend to the General Assembly the adoption of the following resolutions, viz:—

Resolved, 1. That there be appointed an additional Professor in the Theological Seminary at Princeton, to bear the name and title of the "Professor of Pastoral Theology and Missionary Instruction."

Resolved, 2. That the said Professor have committed to him the instruction in every thing which relates to the Pastoral office, and that he be especially charged with collecting and imparting instruction on the subject of Missions; and with using all proper means, by public lectures, and private interviews, to promote among all the students an enlarged spirit of pastoral fidelity, of Missionary zeal, and of liberal preparation and active effort for the advancement of the Redeemer's kingdom.

A. Alexander,
Samuel Miller.
Thomas H. Skinner.
Jos. Sanford,
Charles Hodge.

The committee on the religious education of the rising generation made a second report. This, together with the first report of the same committee, which was laid on the table, were recommitted to Mr. Goldsmith, Mr. D. W. Lathrop, and Mr. Armstrong.

The committee of overtures reported overture No. 11, which was read and ordered to be put upon the docket.

Mr. R. G. Johnson, Mr. Wisner, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Brees, and Mr. Proctor, obtained leave of absence.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Saturday, May 29th, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Assembly met, and was constituted with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

A communication was received from the Trustees of the General Assembly,

relative to the interest of the Permanent Missionary Fund, which was read and committed to Mr. Johnson, Dr. Cathcart, Mr. J. F. Clark, Mr. S. Thompson, and Mr. Zabriskie.

The Assembly proceeded to the election of Directors for the Western Theological Seminary. The ballots were received and committed to Mr. Dewing, Mr. Ford, and Mr. Banard, to count them and report the result to the Assembly.

The committee on the annual reports of the Board of Directors and the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary at Princeton made the following report, which was adopted, viz :—

1. That the report of the Board of Directors be accepted, and ordered to be printed in the appendix to the minutes of the Assembly.

2. That the Assembly authorize the erection, on the Seminary's ground, of two buildings, one for a library, and the other for a chapel, as soon as funds can be obtained for that specific purpose.

3. That the report of the Trustees of the Theological Seminary be accepted, and ordered to be printed in the appendix to the minutes.

4. That the sum of $5,300 for the payment of professors' salaries for the present year be put at the disposal of the Trustees of the Theological Seminary at Princeton.

On motion, it was resolved, That Dr. McAuley, Mr. Junkin, and Dr. Wright, be a committee to consider and report such measures as they may deem most advisable for securing a more general and punctual observance of that part of the directory for public worship which relates to the public reading of the sacred scriptures.

The committee to whom was committed a reference from the Presbytery of Cayuga, relative to the constitutionality of a rule of that body, reported, and their report was laid on the table.

The committee appointed to nominate a Board of Missions made a report, which was adopted, and ordered to be printed in connection with the report of the Board of last year.

The Assembly took up the report of the committee on the report of the Board of Education, and spent some time in discussing it.

The committee to whom was referred the votes for Directors of the Western Theological Seminary, made a report, when it appeared that the following persons are elected Directors for three years, viz.

Ministers—Rev. Matthew Brown, D. D., Francis Herron, D. D., David Elliot, Samuel Ralston, D. D., Elisha P. Swift, Elisha McCurdy, Ashbel Green, D. D.

Elders—John Hannan, Harmer Denny, William Hartepy.

The committee on lotteries made a report, which was put upon the docket.

Resolved, That it be the order of the day for Monday morning, to receive the report of the committee appointed to prepare the narrative of the state of religion.

The consideration of the report of the committee on the report of the Board of Education was resumed, and the report being amended, was adopted, and is as follows, viz.

1. *Resolved*, That the annual report of the Board of Education, submitted to the Assembly, be approved, and published under the direction of the Board.

2. *Resolved*, That the General Assembly rejoice greatly in the increasing attention which is paid to, and in the growing interest taken in the cause of education in various parts of our church, and earnestly recommend to all those Presbyteries and congregations, which have not already organized societies in this or some other form, the adoption of the plan proposed by the Board of Education in the present report.

3. *Resolved*, That in view of the great and increasing deficiency of well qualified ministers of the gospel, in our own and in foreign lands; and the in-

creasing demand, on the part of foreign and domestic and other societies, for more labourers, the General Assembly would avail themselves of this and every other opportunity, affectionately to call to this momentous subject the attention of all such congregations and Presbyteries as have not yet adopted systematic and efficient plans of co-operation in this great and good work.

4. While the Assembly would thus commend its own Board of Education to the churches under their care, yet as many of our churches have already united their efforts with other education societies; therefore Resolved, that the churches and Presbyteries should be left to their own unbiased and deliberate choice, of the particular channel through which their charities shall be given in aid of this great department of benevolence.

Dr. McDowell, Mr. McLean, and Mr. Rice were appointed a committee to nominate persons to fill the vacancies in the Board of Education.

A letter was received from the Rev. Colany Nee, pastor of the Third Ecclesiastical Division of the Reformed Consistorial Church of the departments of Aisne, and of Seine and Marne, in answer to the letter of the last Assembly. This letter was read, and ordered to be printed in the appendix to the minutes; and Mr. Alexander, Mr. Bowman, and Mr. Beckwith were appointed a committee, to prepare an answer to the same.

Mr. Bayard and Mr. Masters obtained leave of absence.

Adjourned till Monday morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Monday, May 31st, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Assembly met, and was constituted with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The committee appointed to nominate persons to fill the vacancies in the Board of Education, made a report, which was accepted.

Resolved, That it be the order of the day for this afternoon, to elect persons to fill the vacancies in the Board of Education.

The committee appointed to prepare a letter to the churches on the subject of the monthly concert of prayer, reported; and the letter was adopted, and ordered to be signed by the Moderator, and printed in the appendix to the minutes. *Resolved* also, that the Stated Clerk procure its insertion in periodical publications, and have a number of copies prepared as soon as practicable, for the members of the Assembly.

Resolved, That the delegates from this General Assembly to the several bodies in correspondence with us, be instructed to bring the subject of the letter relative to the monthly concert distinctly before these bodies, and endeavour to obtain from them a concurrence, in the attempt to awaken a more general and engaged attention to the monthly concert of prayer.

The vote of the Assembly, making it the order of the day for this afternoon to elect persons to fill the vacancies in the Board of Education, was reconsidered, and the Assembly proceeded immediately to the election; the ballots were taken and committed to Dr. McDowell, Mr. McLean, and Mr. Rice, to count them and report the result to the Assembly.

The committee appointed to count the votes for members of the Board of Education, made a report, when it appeared that the following persons are elected for four years, viz.

Ministers—Thomas McAuley, D. D., Thomas H. Skinner, D. D., Francis Herron, D. D., Samuel Miller, D. D., Robert G. Wilson, D. D.

Laymen—William Maxwell, Robert Ralston, Thomas Bradford, jun., Edwin Putnam, John Montgomery, Zechariah Lewis, Levi Beebe, James Schott, Thomas Elmes.

The committee to whom was referred the report of the Western Theological Seminary, made the following report, which was adopted, viz.

That they have carefully examined said report, and recommend that it be approved and published in the appendix to the minutes of the Assembly, together with the following resolutions, viz.

Resolved, That the sum of $5300 be appropriated for the use of the said Seminary, viz., $3000 towards the erection of the building, $2300 towards the salary of the professor and teacher.

Resolved, That the Assembly view with lively interest the condition of this infant and rising Seminary, and recommend to the churches under their care, to aid, by their contributions, the Board of Directors in their efforts to complete their building, and place the institution on a footing of permanent usefulness.

The committee of overtures reported Overture No. 12, which was put upon the docket.

The committee appointed to prepare a narrative of the state of religion, made a report, which was read and discussed for some time.

Mr. Hull and Mr. Corning obtained leave of absence.

Adjourned till this afternoon at 4 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

4 o'clock, P. M.

The Assembly met, and was constituted with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

A letter was received from the Managers of the Sunday School Union, informing the Assembly that that Society at its late anniversary had passed the following resolution, viz :—

Resolved, That the American Sunday School Union, in reliance upon divine aid, will, within two years, establish a Sunday School in every destitute place where it is practicable, throughout the Valley of the Mississippi, and requesting that the Assembly would take such measures as in their judgment may seem best for the promotion of this important object.

On receiving the above communication the Assembly passed the following resolution, viz : That it be earnestly recommended to the Pastors and Sessions of all our churches and congregations to present this subject to their people, and solicit their prayers, and labours, and contributions, to aid the Society in the accomplishment of this important work.

The committee appointed to consider the measures proper to be adopted to promote the sanctification of the Sabbath, made a report, which was laid on the table.

The consideration of the Narrative on the State of Religion was resumed, and after some discussion and amendment, it was adopted, and ordered to be printed in the appendix to the minutes.

On motion, it was resolved, that Dr. McAuley, Mr. Junkin, and Dr. Dickey, be a committee to consider and report to this Assembly on the propriety of opening a friendly correspondence with the Synod of Ulster, in Ireland.

The consideration of overture No. 7, which was suspended on Friday, was resumed, and after some discussion, was committed to Dr. Rice, Mr. Cooley, Mr. Weed, Mr. Jennings, and Mr. Slack.

The committee appointed to consider and report such measures as they may deem most advisable for securing a more general and punctual observance of that part of the Directory for public worship, which relates to the public reading of the Sacred Scriptures, made the following report, which was adopted, viz :—

That having carefully considered the subject, they are of the opinion that no such neglect of the public reading of the Scriptures prevails in the church, as to require any special resolution of this Assembly.

The committee appointed to consider and report on the propriety of opening

a friendly correspondence with the Synod of Ulster, in Ireland, made the following report, which was adopted, viz:—

That they have considered the subject, and are of the opinion, that such a correspondence is proper and desirable; and recommend to the Assembly the appointment of a committee to draught a brief letter to that body, to be laid before the Assembly.

Dr. McAuley and Dr. Cathcart were appointed this committee.

Overture No. 10 was made the order of the day for to-morrow morning.

Mr. Hubbard, Mr. Bouton, Mr. Savage, Mr. Wm. Steele, Dr. Wright, and Mr. Lyman, had leave of absence.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Tuesday, June 1st, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Assembly met, and was constituted with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

On motion, it was resolved, that Dr. Rice, Dr. Dickey, and Dr. Fisher, be a committee to draw up resolutions expressive of the views of the General Assembly, on the subject of the persecutions of the "Revived Christians" of Berne and Vaud, in Switzerland.

The committee appointed to prepare a minute expressive of the views of the Assembly on the subject of *Temperance* reported the following resolutions, which were adopted, viz:—*Resolved*,

1. That this Assembly considers itself called upon to make a public acknowledgment of the goodness of God for the unparalleled success with which he has crowned the efforts of those who are actively concerned in the promotion of temperance.

2. That the experience of the past year furnishes additional and most abundant evidence of the wisdom and importance of the plan adopted by the American Temperance Society.

3. That this Assembly feels bound to repeat a former recommendation to the ministers, elders, and members of the churches under its care, to discountenance the use of distilled liquors, not only by abstaining themselves from the use of such liquors, but by actively promoting every prudent measure devised for the purpose of furthering the cause of temperance.

4. That this Assembly earnestly recommends to all persons for whose spiritual interests it is bound to consult, that they favour the formation of Temperance Societies on the plan of entire abstinence.

5. That while this Assembly would by no means encroach upon the rights of private judgment, it cannot but express its very deep regret that any members of the Church of Christ should, at the present day, and under existing circumstances, feel themselves at liberty to manufacture, vend, or use ardent spirits, and thus as far as their influence extends, counteract the efforts now making for the promotion of temperance.

The Judicial Committee made a report in relation to the appeal of Mr. Matthew H. Rice, from a decision of the Presbytery of East Hanover, which was adopted, and is as follows, viz:—

That the appellant had leave to withdraw his appeal on the following ground, viz:—No reasons are assigned by the appellant for making this appeal to the General Assembly instead of the Synod.

The report of the committee to whom were referred certain resolutions of the Presbyteries of Madison and Lancaster, was recommitted to the same committee.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Assembly took up overture No. 10, viz:—A request of the Presbytery of Cincinnati, that the General Assembly would unite with the American Home Missionary Society in the appointment of

one Board of Agency, to manage the missionary concerns of both Boards in the Western country. After some discussion, this subject was committed to Dr. Green, Dr. M'Auley, Mr. Russell, Mr. Slack, and Mr. Beckwith, to confer with delegates, which the Assembly are informed have been appointed by the Home Missionary Society, on the request of the Presbytery of Cincinnati, and report to the Assembly as soon as practicable.

Overture No. 4, was taken up, viz:—An application from the Presbytery of Watertown, for leave to receive Mr. William Lockhead, a foreign licentiate, who, after being under the care of the Presbytery of Champlain for five months, had been dismissed to the Presbytery of Watertown, and had been under the care of the latter Presbytery since the 9th of February last. The Presbytery of Watertown requests, that the Assembly will allow them to take into the account, for the term of trial, the time which Mr. Lockhead spent on trials in the Presbytery of Champlain. On this request the Assembly resolved, that the standing rule which requires that the foreign licentiate must spend a year in the Presbytery to which he is dismissed, be not dispensed with.

The committee to whom was recommitted the report on the reference from the Presbyteries of Madison and Lancaster, reported, and their report was adopted, and is as follows, viz.

That said Presbyteries invite the attention of the General Assembly, to certain slanderous reports extensively circulated against the Presbyterian and other denominations, involving the charge of an attempt on the part of these denominations to unite Church and State, and thus subvert the civil institutions of our country, and intimate their desire that this Assembly would take order on the subject, and by some public act disabuse *themselves* and *their* constituents of such unfounded and injurious imputations.

In the opinion of your committee no public act is necessary on the part of this Assembly to refute a charge wholly unsupported by testimony and facts; nor any exposition of their principles in relation to civil magistracy and the claims of the church demanded, other than that contained in our acknowledged ecclesiastical standards, and published to the world. For the better information, however, of any who may be in danger of imposition from unfounded statements, the Assembly would refer to the following exhibition of their principles as contained in the accredited constitution of the church.

"God, the supreme Lord and King of all the world hath ordained civil magistrates to be under him over the people, for his own glory and the public good, and to this end hath armed them with the power of the sword, for the defence and encouragement of them that are good, and for the punishment of evil-doers.

"It is lawful for Christians to accept and execute the office of magistrate, when called thereunto; in the managing whereof, as they ought especially to maintain piety, justice, and peace, according to the wholesome laws of each commonwealth, so, for that end, they may lawfully, now under the New Testament, wage war upon just and necessary occasions.

"Civil magistrates may not assume to themselves the administration of the word and sacraments; or the power of the keys of the kingdom of heaven; or, in the least, interfere in matters of faith. Yet, as nursing fathers, it is the duty of civil magistrates to protect the Church of our common Lord, without giving the preference to any denomination of Christians above the rest in such a manner, that all ecclesiastical persons whatever shall enjoy the full, free, and unquestioned liberty of discharging every part of their sacred functions, without violence or danger. And, as Jesus Christ hath appointed a regular government and discipline in his church, no law of any commonwealth should interfere with, let, or hinder, the due exercise thereof, among the voluntary mem-

bers of any denomination of Christians, according to their own profession and belief. It is the duty of civil magistrates to protect the person and good name of all their people, in such an effectual manner as that no person be suffered, either upon pretence of religion or infidelity, to offer any indignity, violence, abuse, or injury, to any other person whatsoever; and to take order, that all religious and ecclesiastical assemblies be held without molestation or disturbance.

"It is the duty of the people to pray for magistrates, to honour their persons, to pay them tribute and other dues, to obey their lawful commands, and to be subject to their authority, for conscience' sake. Infidelity or difference in religion, doth not make void the magistrate's just and legal authority, nor free the people from their due obedience to him; from which ecclesiastical persons are not exempted; much less hath the Pope any power or jurisdiction over them in their dominions, or over any of their people; and least of all to deprive them of their dominions or lives, if he shall judge them to be heretics, or upon any other pretence whatsoever."

"Synods and councils are to handle or conclude nothing, but that which is ecclesiastical: and are not to intermeddle with civil affairs, which concern the commonwealth, unless by way of humble petition, in cases extraordinary; or by way of advice for satisfaction of conscience, if they be thereunto required by the civil magistrate."

"That God alone is Lord of the conscience; and hath left it free from the doctrine and commandments of men, which are in anything contrary to his word, or beside it in matters of faith or worship. Therefore they consider the rights of private judgment, in all matters that respect religion, as universal and unalienable. They do not even wish to see any religious constitution aided by the civil power, further than may be necessary for protection and security, and at the same time, be equal and common to all others."

Such are the constitutional principles of the Presbyterian church in these United States. They were our fathers' principles before and during the revolution, which issued in the consummation of our liberty and independence, and under the influence of which they prayed, and fought, and bled by the side of the father of our country. They have been the principles of their descendants ever since. They are *our* principles still, adopted from conviction, to whose support we have pledged ourselves under the most solemn sanctions, and by the preservation of which we believe that the common interests of evangelical religion and civil liberty will be most effectually sustained.

In closing this statement, the Assembly would affectionately and earnestly exhort the members of their communion, that in the fulfilment of their civil and religious duties, they watch against all unhallowed feelings, and that they suffer reproach meekly, not rendering railing for railing, nor evil for evil, but by patient continuance in well doing, they commend themselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God.

A letter was received from Mr. Anthony Finley, presenting to the Assembly 200 copies of a Map of the Colony of Liberia and adjacent coasts. *Resolved*, That the thanks of the Assembly be presented to Mr. Finley for this donation.

The Stated Clerk presented to the Assembly 500 copies of the Letter of the General Assembly to the churches, on the subject of the Monthly Concert of Prayer, which he had procured to be printed. *Resolved*, That the thanks of the Assembly be presented to the Stated Clerk for the donation.

Mr. Holcomb, Mr. Morse, Mr. Keys, and Mr. Stocking had leave of absence.

Adjourned till 4 o'clock, this afternoon. Concluded with prayer.

4 o'clock, P. M.

The Assembly met, and was constituted with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The committee to whom was referred the communication from the Trustees of the General Assembly, relative to the interest of the Permanent Missionary fund, made a report, which after some discussion was recommitted to the same committee.

The committee to whom was committed Overture No. 10, reported the following resolution, viz.

Resolved, That it is expedient for the Board of Missions of the General Assembly, and the Board of the Home Missionary Society to conduct their missionary operations in the west through a common Board of agency in that part of the country. This report was accepted, and the committee discharged.

A motion was then made to dismiss the whole subject, and after considerable discussion, this motion was carried in the affirmative, and the subject was accordingly dismissed.

Mr. Bowman, Mr. Marcus Smith, Mr. Caroll, Mr. E. Young, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Wilcox, Mr. Stow, Mr. Woodruff, Mr. Manning, and Mr. P. Smith, had leave of absence.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Wednesday, June 2d, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The assembly met and was constituted with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The Trustees of the General Assembly, reported on Overture No. 8, which had been committed to them. This report was adopted, and is as follows, viz:

"The committee, to whom was referred the Memorial to the General Assembly, of John Colt, of Patterson, in the State of New Jersey, reported:—

That after due consideration of the matters contained in said memorial, and of the nature of the trust, created by the will of Dr. Boudinot, the committee are of opinion that the trustees cannot, with a becoming, and indeed necessary regard to their duty in the trust, grant the relief requested by the memorialist. The testator has given to the trustees no discretionary powers over the fund; and the objects to which he has directed his bounty to be applied, being designated, the trustees are clearly not at liberty, either to relinquish that which passes by the will, or to surrender any security connected with it. They therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution; and that if adopted, it be communicated to the General Assembly.

Resolved, That in the opinion of the Board of Trustees of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian church, the prayer of the memorial of John Colt, of Patterson, in the State of New Jersey, to the General Assembly, cannot consistently with the trust created by the will of the late Dr. Boudinot, be granted.

June 1, 1830—adopted by the Trustees, and ordered to be communicated to the Assembly."

The Judicial Committee reported the appeal of Dr. John Rollins, from the Synod of West Tennessee, to have been regularly conducted. The Committee also reported the order which it will be proper for the Assembly to pursue, in trying this appeal. The report of the Committee was accepted, and the order recommended by them adopted.

Overture No. 5, was taken up, viz., an extract from the minutes of the Presbytery of Northumberland, informing the Assembly, that Mr. James Lewers, a foreign licentiate, had passed with approbation the time and trials prescribed in relation to foreign ministers and licentiates. The documents accompanying this

communication were read, when it was resolved, that the Assembly approve of the reception of Mr. Lewers, as a licentiate by the Presbytery of Northumberland.

Overture No. 6 was taken up, viz. a request of the Synod of Indiana, "that the General Assembly be requested to dispense with Synodical reports in future."

Resolved, That this request cannot be granted because it is unconstitutional.

Overture No. 11, viz. the following resolution, That in order to produce a more correct style and greater uniformity in church music, a committee be appointed to make a selection of sober and chaste tunes to be published with a recommendation of the Assembly, and that this committee report to the next General Assembly, was taken up.

On this Overture, the Assembly resolved, that it is inexpedient at present to take order on this subject.

Overture No. 3, viz. an application for a division of the Synod of Virginia, was taken up, when it was resolved, that the applicants have leave to withdraw the application.

The report of the committee on the reference from the Presbytery of Cayuga, relative to the constitutionality of a rule of that body, which had been laid on the table, was taken up. The rule of the Presbytery of Cayuga, referred to the Assembly, is as follows, viz:—The Moderator for the time being, and the Stated Clerk ex-officio, were appointed a committee to grant letters of dismission to ministers without charge, and to licentiates and candidates under the care of this Presbytery, to unite with other Presbyteries; and were directed to report at each stated meeting."

In relation to this rule, the following resolution reported by the committee was adopted, viz:

Resolved, That the rule hitherto acted upon by the Presbytery of Cayuga, is inexpedient and unconstitutional.

The Chairman of the Judicial Committee stated to the Assembly, that an appeal had been put into his hands, from Duncan Hamilton and his wife, from a decision of the Synod of Pittsburgh, which appeal had not been reported to the clerk of the house, and asked the direction of the Assembly in the case. On inquiry it appeared, this appeal was in the house in season; and the persons to whom it was intrusted, were not aware of the Constitutional rule requiring that it be lodged with the clerk.

On motion, it was resolved, that in the opinion of the Assembly, the rule has virtually been complied with.

Resolved, That the Judicial Committee report an order of proceeding, to be observed in trying this appeal.

The committee appointed to consider the measures proper to be adopted to promote the sanctification of the Sabbath, made a report, which being read and amended, was adopted, and is as follows, viz:

Resolved, That the second Thursday of November next, be and it hereby is recommended to be observed as a day of *Fasting*, *Humiliation*, and *Prayer*, on account of the sin which rests upon the church, and on the whole land by the profanation of the Sabbath; and that it be given in charge to all Synods and Presbyteries in our connection, to take such order on this subject as may be most effectual in securing the observance of that day by the churches.

The committee appointed to answer the letter from the Rev. Colany Nee, reported an answer, which was read and adopted. Ordered that it be signed by the Moderator and Permanent Clerk, and be committed to the Stated Clerk to transmit it to the Rev. Colany Nee.

Resolved, Also, that this letter be printed in the appendix to the minutes.

The committee to whom was referred Overture No. 7, made a report, which was read in part by paragraphs, and amended.

Mr. Mustard and Mr. Doolittle had leave of absence.

Adjourned till this afternoon at 4 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

4 o'clock, P. M.

The Assembly met, and was constituted with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The judicial committee reported in the case of Duncan Hamilton and his wife, the order which it will be proper for the Assembly to observe, in conducting the appeal, which was adopted.

The Assembly took up this appeal. The Moderator read the rule, reminding the Assembly that they were about to sit in a Judicial capacity, and enjoining on the members to recollect and regard their high character, as Judges of a court of Jesus Christ, and the solemn duty in which they are about to act.

The sentence of the Synod appealed from; the reasons on record which were assigned by the appellant for his appeal; and the whole record of the proceedings of the inferior Judicatory in the case, including all the testimony, and the reasons of their decision were read.

Dr. McAuley was appointed to defend the appellants—Dr. McAuley was heard in support of the appeal, and the Synod in explanation of the grounds of their decision.

The roll was then called to give the members an opportunity to express their opinion on the case—after which the final vote was taken—when the appeal was sustained, and the decision of the Synod was reversed; and Mr. Hamilton and his wife were restored to the privileges of the church.

The committee appointed to draw up resolutions expressive of the views of the General Assembly on the subject of the persecutions of the "Revived Christians" of Berne and Vaud, in Switzerland, made a report, containing certain resolutions, and a memorial to the pastors of Berne and Vaud, which was adopted. Ordered that this report be signed by the Moderator and Permanent Clerk, and be transmitted by the Stated Clerk to the Pastors of Berne and Vaud. Ordered also, that this report be printed in the appendix to the minutes.

The consideration of the report of the committee on overture No. 7 was resumed, and after some progress made therein, the Assembly had a recess until 8 o'clock.

After the recess the Assembly met. The committee to whom was recommitted the report of the committee on the religious education of the rising generation made the following report, which was adopted, viz:—

Resolved, 1. That the Assembly regard the religious education of youth as a subject of vital importance, identified with the most precious interests and hopes of the Christian Church.

2. That the present indications of Divine Providence are such as imperiously to demand of the Christian community unusual effort to train up the rising generation in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

3. That the Board of Missions be and hereby are instructed to enjoin it on their Missionaries sedulously to attend to the religious education of the *young*; and particularly that they use all practicable effort to establish *Sabbath Schools*; and to extend and perpetuate the blessings of Sabbath School instruction.

4. That the system of Sabbath School instruction, now in prevalent and cheering operation, be and hereby is most earnestly recommended to the attention of the pastors and sessions of all our churches.

5. That the Presbyteries be and hereby are enjoined to make the progress of the Sabbath School cause within their bounds the subject of special inquiry, and annually to transmit the results of such inquiry to the General Assembly.

6. That in as much as the advantages of the Sabbath School may, in some cases, be the occasion of remissness in the important duty of *Family* instruction, it be and hereby is earnestly recommended to heads of families not to relax in their personal religious efforts at *home*, and in the domestic circle; but that they abound more and more in the use of all appropriate means, to promote sound knowledge and experimental piety, in every member of their households.

7. That as there is reason to apprehend that the *Catechisms of this church* have not, in some parts of our Zion, received that measure of attention to which their excellence entitles them, it be and hereby is recommended to pastors, sessions, heads of familes, superintendents of Sabbath Schools, and all charged with the education of youth in our connection, to give these admirable summaries of christian truth and duty a prominent place in their instructions, to the youth and children under their care.

8. That it be and hereby is recommended to the pastors and sessions of our churches to make themselves acquainted with the system of *Infant School* instruction, now in happy progress in many places, and if practicable to establish such schools in their congregations.

Resolved, That there be no election of Trustees of the General Assembly the present year.

The consideration of the report of the committee on overture No. 7 was resumed, and after having been further amended, it was adopted, and is as follows, viz:—

The committee recommend to this General Assembly to dismiss the overture for the organization of a General Assembly in the Western country, for the following reasons:

1. In this land of liberty, where religion depends on moral influences, it appears to your committee to be a matter of very great importance that all who agree in their views of fundamental christian doctrine, government, and discipline, should be united in promoting their common principles and sustaining common interests, and one General Assembly is surely best suited to form a bond of union for the whole church.

2. In the prevalence of local feelings and sectional jealousies there is reason to apprehend that the measure proposed might soon utterly destroy the unity of the Presbyterian Church, and form into two great rival and contending bodies those who ought ever to hold the "unity of the Spirit, in the bond of peace."

3. From the geographical position of the Presbyterian Church it appears to the committee utterly impossible to form any division, which would not subject both the eastern and western branches of the church to the same evils which are now felt by this body. And when once the measure of division is resorted to as a remedy for the evil, it is impossible to conjecture where such a measure will terminate.

4. With respect to the overture from the Presbytery of Columbus—Resolved, That it is inexpedient at present to make any change in either the mode or ratio of representation.

Dr. Fitch, Mr. Urmston, Dr. Murdock, Mr. Sering, Dr. Rice, Mr. McIntyre, Mr. Butler, Mr. Eddy, Mr. S. Boyd, Mr. Holbrook, Mr. Page, Mr. Hutchinson, and Mr. Tuttle, had leave of absence.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Thursday, June 3d, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Assembly met, and was constituted with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The committee to whom was recommitted the communication from the Trustees of the General Assembly relative to the interest of the Permanent Mis-

sionary fund, made a report, which was read and discussed at considerable length.

Mr. Janvier, Mr. Burbank, Mr. Brown, Mr. Kingsbury, Mr. Breck, Mr. Pond, and Dr. Cathcart, had leave of absence.

Adjourned till 4 o'clock this afternoon. Concluded with prayer.

4 o'clock, P. M.

The Assembly met, and was constituted with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The committee on overture No. 2, viz: A reference for advice from the Presbytery of St. Lawrence, reported the following resolution as a suitable answer to be given in the case, which was adopted, viz:—

Resolved, That when a minister otherwise in good standing gives notice in form to the Presbytery to which he belongs, that he renounces the fellowship of the Presbyterian Church, or by neglecting to attend the meetings of its Judicatories after being dealt with for such neglect, gives evidence that he has done so in fact, his name ought to be struck from the roll of membership, a notice of this procedure communicated to the disowned member, and if necessary, published to the church. The congregation under the care of such minister ought to be held as still under the care of Presbytery, unless they give evidence that they also have withdrawn, in which case their name ought also to be struck from the list of congregations belonging to the Presbytery.

The report of the committee on the communication from the trustees of the General Assembly was resumed—and being amended, was adopted, and is as follows, viz.

Resolved, 1. That the trustees of the General Assembly be requested to borrow a sum of money sufficient to pay the existing debts of the Assembly, and also to meet the expenses of the current year—the sum borrowed to be repaid out of the funds hereafter to be provided.

2. *Resolved*, That it be recommended to the congregations under the care of this Assembly, to make annually a collection for a contingent fund to defray the incidental expenses of the Assembly, such as recording and printing the minutes, clerks' salaries, janitor's bill, stationery, and expenses of delegates to corresponding bodies.

3. *Resolved*, That this collection be reported annually by the congregations to their respective Presbyteries; and by the Presbyteries be paid over to the Treasurer of the Trustees of the General Assembly, and be reported in the annual report to the Assembly.

4. *Resolved*, That the usual annual collection heretofore required for the missionary fund of the Assembly, be dispensed with, and that the collection for the contingent fund of the Assembly come in its place.

On motion it was resolved, that the board of trustees of the General Assembly be directed to report to the next General Assembly, a full and distinct statement of all the funds belonging to the General Assembly—so that each fund shall fully appear by itself:

1. The amount of funds for each professorship paid in, mode of investment, and amount of annual income.

2. The number of scholarships, amount paid on each, by whom paid, how invested, and amount of annual income.

3. The permanent fund, its amount, from what sources has it accrued, and for what purposes, how invested, and annual income.

4. Contingent fund, amount, together with a full statement of all moneys received for missionary, education, and other purposes.

5. A distinct statement of all the usual items of contingent expenses, for the current year.

6. A distinct and particular account of all the payments made or authorized to be made, by the Board of Trustees during the present year for officers' salaries—Professors' salaries—compensation of Delegates to other ecclesiastical bodies, moneys paid to young men on scholarships, moneys paid for Missionary and education purposes, moneys paid to commissioners to the General Assembly; and for all contingencies—every item to be separately and distinctly stated, and whatever else may be necessary in the opinion of said Board of Trustees, to the giving of a full and particular exhibition of the funds, income, and expenditures of this General Assembly.

The report of the committee on the subject of *lotteries*, which was laid on the table, was taken up and adopted, and is as follows, viz.

That, although so often sanctioned by Legislative acts; although the proceeds of lotteries have not unfrequently been appropriated to benevolent and religious objects; although many wise and good men have in periods past, by their participation or agency, given countenance to lotteries, yet your committee cannot view them in any other light than that of *legalized gambling*.

It would require volumes to record all the evils resulting from this system of predatory speculation. It adds nothing to the wealth of the community. It too often takes from the uninformed poor the property obtained by labour and skill, and transfers the same without the least equivalent into the hands of the idle and unworthy. It thus becomes the means of introducing and extending habits of gambling in all forms. Hundreds of families yearly are reduced to dependence and beggary, and not unfrequently its deluded victims terminate their miserable existence in this world by suicide.

Contemplating this multitude of evils to individuals, to families, and to the community at large, your committee beg leave to submit the following resolutions.

1. *Resolved*, That in the opinion of this General Assembly, all lotteries should be discountenanced by every professed member of the Presbyterian church, as immoral in their nature, and ruinous in their effects upon individual character and the public welfare.

2. *Resolved*, That the purchase and sale of lottery tickets should be avoided by every member of our church, even when the professed object of the lottery may be praiseworthy; in as much as it is not allowable to do evil that good may come.

3. That all the Presbyteries under the care of the General Assembly be, and they hereby are recommended to take order on the subject of lottery gambling, to press the consideration of it and its attendant evils, upon ministers and sessions, and to adopt such plans of operation, as may free the church from all participation in this sin, enlighten, arouse, and direct public opinion, and save our country from this and every other species of gambling.

The report of the committee on Psalmody which was laid on the table was taken up, when it was resolved that the book of Psalms and Hymns, with the alterations and additions submitted by the committee, be approved by the Assembly, and its use in the worship of God be authorized in all the churches under its care.

Resolved, That the Rev. Ezra S. Ely, D. D., be appointed to secure the copyright of said book to the trustees of the General Assembly.

Resolved, That the printing and publishing of the said book of Psalms and Hymns be committed to the same committee who prepared and corrected it, with powers in regard to the printing and publication; and that Mr. Solomon Allen be added to the committee, and that Dr. Green be chairman.

And whereas, an edition was published by the permission of the committee, by a bookseller in Princeton, previous to the making of the alterations and additions now to be introduced; *Resolved*, That this subject be referred to the

committee of publication, to adopt such measures in relation to said edition as to them may seem best.

Mr. Ashbridge, Mr. Sickels, Mr. Miller, Mr. Chester, Mr. McCorkle, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Linn, Mr. Williamson, Mr. Eaton, Mr. Goldsmith, Mr. Dixon, Mr. Jeffery, Mr. Ford, Mr. A. Platt, Mr. Wetmore, Mr. Townley, Mr. Rankin, Mr. Hawley and Mr. Bushnell, had leave of absence.

Mr. Eaton, the temporary clerk, having obtained leave of absence, Mr. Tucker was appointed in his place.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Friday, June 4, 9 *o'clock, A. M.*

The Assembly met, and was constituted with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

Mr. Dickey, Mr. Patrick, and Mr. Johnson obtained leave of absence.

Overture No. 12, viz. an application from the Presbytery of Cincinnati, in relation to the publication in the Western country, of the Assembly's book of Psalms and Hymns, was read and committed to the committee of publication.

Resolved, That said committee have full power to make such contract or contracts for the publication of the book as they may deem expedient.

This overture also contained a request for permission to publish an edition of the Confession of Faith. On this part of the overture it was resolved that the Rev. Joshua L. Wilson, D. D., Rev. Robert H. Bishop, D. D., and Rev. Elijah Slack, be appointed a standing committee of publication in the bounds of the Synod of Cincinnati, and said committee are referred for direction on the subject of their appointment to the printed minutes of 1821, page twelve.

The committee appointed to draught a letter to the Synod of Ulster reported a letter, which was adopted, and ordered to be signed by the Moderator and Permanent Clerk, and transmitted by the Stated Clerk to the Synod of Ulster.

Resolved, That it be recommended to the congregations under the care of this Assembly to take up a collection for the American Colonization Society on the 4th day of July next.

The report of the committee appointed by the General Assembly of 1829, on the mode of proceeding to be adopted in organizing churches, which was laid on the table, was taken up, and referred to the consideration of the next General Assembly.

The Assembly took up the appeal of Dr. John Rollins from a decision of the Synod of West Tennessee, affirming a decision of the Presbytery of Mississippi, affirming a decision of the Session of the 1st church of New Orleans, by which he had been excluded from the privileges of the church.

The Moderator read the rule reminding the Assembly that they were about to sit in a judicial capacity, and enjoining on the members to recollect and regard their high character as judges of a court of Jesus Christ, and the solemn duty in which they are about to act.

Dr. McAuley was appointed to manage the cause of the appellant.

The sentence of the Synod appealed from, the reasons on record which were assigned by the appellant for his appeal, and the whole record of the proceedings of the inferior Judicatories in the case, including all the testimony and the reasons of their decision, were read.

Dr. McAuley was then heard in support of the appeal. Only one member of the Synod was present, and he declined saying anything. The parties then withdrew. And the roll was called in part to give the members an opportunity to express their opinion.

Adjourned till this afternoon at half-past 3 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Half-past 3 *o'clock, P. M.*

The Assembly met, and was constituted with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The Assembly resumed the appeal of Dr. Rollins. The remaindar of the roll was called. After which the final vote was taken, when the appeal was sustained, and the decision of the Synod was reversed, and Dr. Rollins was restored to the privileges of the church.

The Delegate appointed to attend the last General Association of New Hampshire, and the General Convention of Vermont, made a report, which was accepted.

The following accounts were presented, viz:—

For Stationery, - - - - - - - - - -	$ 4 81
To Permanent Clerk for services, - - - - - -	39 00
To Janitor for attendance, &c., - - - - - -	42 00
Amount, - - - - - - - - -	$85 81

The Permanent Clerk was directed to settle the above account of $85 81, by a draft on the Treasurer of the Trustees of the General Assembly, for the payment of which the Trustees are hereby directed to issue their warrant.

Resolved, That in the standing committee to certify the qualifications of preachers travelling from the bounds of the Presbyterian Church, the name of the Rev. Obadiah Jennings of Nashville, Tennessee, be inserted in the place of that of the Rev. Theodore Clapp, of New Orleans.

The Assembly having completed its business, the roll was called agreeably to a standing rule, and it was found that the following members were absent without leave, viz: Rev. Henry R. Weed, Rev. Luther Clark, Rev. Morris Barton, Mr. Abijah Marvin, and Mr. James Kerr.

Resolved, That this Assembly be dissolved, and that another Assembly, chosen in the same manner, be required to meet in the First Presbyterian Church, in Philadelphia, on the third Thursday in May, 1831, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

Concluded with prayer, singing, and the apostolic benediction.

STATISTICAL REPORT.

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, on the first of June, A. D. 1830, had under its care nineteen Synods, viz:

I. The Synod of Albany, containing the Presbyteries of 1. Londonderry, 2. Newburyport, 3. Champlain, 4. Troy, 5. Albany, 6. Columbia.

II. The Synod of Utica, containing the Presbyteries of 1. St. Lawrence, 2. Watertown, 3. Oswego, 4. Oneida, 5. Otsego.

III. The Synod of New York, containing the Presbyteries of 1. Hudson, 2. North River, 3. Bedford, 4. Long Island, 5. New York, 6. New York Second.

IV. The Synod of New Jersey, containing the Presbyteries of 1. Newark, 2. Elizabethtown, 3. New Brunswick, 4. Newton, 5. Susquehanna.

V. The Synod of Geneva, containing the Presbyteries of 1. Chenango, 2. Cortland 3. Onondaga, 4. Cayuga, 5. Tioga, 6. Geneva, 7. Bath, 8. Angelica.

VI. The Synod of Genessee, containing the Presbyteries of 1. Ontario, 2. Rochester, 3. Genessee, 4. Niagara, 5. Buffalo.

VII. The Synod of Philadelphia, containing the Presbyteries of 1. Philadelphia, 2. New Castle, 3. Lewes, 4. Baltimore, 5. The District of Columbia, 6 Carlisle, 7. Huntingdon, 8. Northumberland.

VIII. The Synod of Pittsburgh, containing the Presbyteries of 1. Allegheny, 2. Erie, 3. Hartford, 4. Redstone, 5. Steubenville, 6. Washington, 7. Ohio.

IX. The Synod of the Western Reserve, containing the Presbyteries of 1. Detroit, 2. Grand River, 3. Portage, 4. Huron, 5. Trumbull.

X. The Synod of Ohio, containing the Presbyteries of 1. Columbus, 2. Richland, 3. Lancaster, 4. Athens.

XI. The Synod of Cincinnati, containing the Presbyteries of 1. Chillicothe, 2. Miami, 3. Cincinnati, 4. Oxford.

XII. The Synod of Indiana, containing the Presbyteries of 1. Salem, 2. Madison, 3. Wabash, 4. Crawfordsville, 5. Missouri, 6. The Centre of Illinois.

XIII. The Synod of Kentucky, containing the Presbyteries of 1. Louisville, 2. Muhlenberg, 3. Transylvania, 4. West Lexington, 5. Ebenezer.

XIV. The Synod of Virginia, containing the Presbyteries of 1. Winchester, 2. East Hanover, 3. West Hanover, 4. Lexington.

XV. The Synod of North Carolina, containing the Presbyteries of 1. Orange, 2. Fayetteville, 3. Concord.

XVI. The Synod of Tennessee, containing the Presbyteries of 1. Abingdon, 2. Union, 3. Holston, 4. French Broad.

XVII. The Synod of West Tennessee, containing the Presbyteries of 1. West Tennessee, 2. Shiloh, 3. North Alabama, 4. Western District.

XVIII. The Synod of South Carolina and Georgia, containing the Presbyteries of 1. South Carolina, 2. Bethel, 3. Hopewell, 4. Charleston Union, 5. Harmony, 6. Georgia.

XIX. The Presbytery of Mississippi and South Alabama, containing the Presbyteries of 1. Mississippi, 2. South Alabama, and 3. Tombigbee.

SUMMARY VIEW OF THE PRESBYTERIES, PREPARED BY THE STATED CLERK.

NAMES OF PRESBYTERIES	Ministers.	Licentiates.	Candidates.	Churches.	Comm. added on examination.	Comm. added on Certificate.	Total now in Communion.	Adults Baptized since last report.	Infants Baptized since last report.	Total of Baptisms.	Missionary Funds raised.	Funds for Commissioners.	Theological Seminary Funds raised.	Education Funds raised.
Londonderry	15			11	27	11	1479	3	50	53		$30 00		
Newburyport	11			6			612							
Champlain	19		5	13	350		932	83	113	196	$5 35	30 15		
Troy	17	3	5	26	158	94	3087	60	85	145	849 80	63 00		$137 56
Albany	33	8	16	34	302	93	5229	98	222	310	1526 73	66 88	$122 00	560 51
Columbia	17	5		13			1694	15	106	121	110 02	47 00		13 00
St. Lawrence	9		1	9	17	26	755	6	41	47	167 00	5 50		235 00
Watertown	20		2	27	101	55	1913	37	119	156	321 03	37 76		159 38
Oswego	13	1	1	21	29	43	1453	10	66	76	200 28	23 03		90 00
Oneida	41	4		35	161	145	4370	59	151	210	3274 77	62 69		1607 31
Otsego	7	1		13	18	13	1245	4	48	52	327 50	19 30	8 00	81 00
Hudson	21	3	5	29	315	59	2891	151	164	315	109 43	25 88		19 53
North River	13		6	17	139	46	1605	56	67	123	220 85	22 59		147 32
Bedford	12	1	1	14	31	9	759	11	41	52	390 20	18 09	3 57	10 00
Long Island	14	2		15	4	1	1154		26	26	92 20	25 90		10 00
New York	31	6	8	23	324	278	6328	90	323	413	4882 27	130 06	50 00	325 19
New York 2d	8	1	2	5	37	25	988	2	56	58	478 00	30 00	100 00	616 00
Newark	19	6	6	18	116	95	3992	32	210	242	2006 17	52 79		1124 15
Elizabethtown	22	5	3	17	271	62	3444	87	186	273	1630 00	60 34	300 00	497 59
N. Brunswick	26	13	11	18	110	42	2261	65	132	197	676 32	60 00	60 00	456 95
Newton	19		2	32	234	39	2822	57	250	307	326 27	27 24	18 40	293 97
Susquehanna	14	1	2	30	55		1182	13	90	103	80 68	21 08		37 42
Chenango	20			15	40	38	1267	11	60	71	361 56	22 54	30 00	228 73
Cortland	10			15	37		1370	1	47	48	800 83	4 10	100 00	304 68
Onondaga	20	3	4	26	127	120	1981	36	214	250	1588 42	47 37		102 00
Cayuga	25	10	5	29	65	79	2040	25	135	160	1069 85	36 18	75 00	409 65
Tioga	11			14	56	66	1218	21	86	107	356 96	17 30	65 00	90 76
Geneva	29	1		31	71	126	3203	16	220	236	1894 82	32 66	170 99	1318 00
Bath	13	3		20	19	36	1094	6	63	69	87 08	6 00		20 00
Angelica	6			12			469							
Ontario	17			21	42	54	1033	13	76	89	263 20	27 42		85 00
Rochester	22	2	1	20	42	74	1293	23	78	101	364 29			123 75
Genessee	16			22	160	72	1054	48	148	196	27 00	17 27		
Niagara	7	3		13	22	40	490	5	40	45	112 00	18 34		150 00
Buffalo	14	1	1	35	74	95	1444	13	130	143	553 22	22 70		447 03
Philadelphia	45	10	11	42	371	151	7186	124	353	477	3642 21	61 24	307 50	2072 97
New Castle	26	4	11	36	159	164	4033	33	237	270	758 66	39 50	15 00	323 36
Lewes	9	1		16	34		624	1	42	43	34 33	19 90		6 67
Baltimore	11	6	3	7	26	8	1058	3	46	49	532 50	10 00	105 00	1450 62
Dis. Columbia	11	5	3	9	51	58	996	6	83	89	299 93	44 50	90 00	368 55
Carlisle	27	7	2	44	247		3313	30	264	294	489 04	49 00	12 00	268 00
Huntingdon	11	2	4	32	197	45	3163	30	369	399	442 16	36 00	10 00	18 00
Northumberl'd	13	5	2	22	66	7	1902	6	156	162	353 91	30 00		239 50
Allegheny	10	1	1	29	101	41	2012	13	180	193	24 45	27 09	86 36	20 50
Erie	16	1	2	31	154	58	1865	34	172	206	137 27	46 28		36 00
Hartford	15	1		29	83	46	2836	18	223	241	229 59	35 86	219 93	19 06
Redstone	23	2	1	43	270	98	4654	61	455	516	292 80	73 54	685 72	70 12
Steubenville	13			26	140	64	1721	41	244	285	287 37	27 00	57 00	100 00
Washington	15	6		22	187	49	2648	50	241	291	388 57	53 03	644 12	75 00
Ohio	26	2	9	23	182	91	3047	25	242	267	586 44	80 42	3331 50	295 73
Detroit	6			6										
Grand River	17			24	61	42	1160	28	83	111	740 00	18 33		148 00
Portage	13	1		21	26	32	1053	4	99	103	300 00	20 84		269 43
Huron	22			36	27	54	911	14	80	94	390 37	25 43		28 62
Trumbull	8			17	4	12	563	1	38	39	52 12	12 77		36 00
Columbus	13		1	24	228	55	1405	40	184	224	115 25	49 07		6 00
Richland	14			39	175	68	2028	37	198	235	224 88	64 04		188 25
Lancaster	12			34	73	48	1642	12	156	168	829 57	51 00		102 00
Athens	12			12	139		780	37	68	105	315 19	21 24		142 75
Chillicothe	16			22	205	80	1948	23	170	193	566 90	60 26	2 00	108 00
Miami	12	2		24	112	85	1600	20	181	201	280 31	44 50	88 00	236 86
Cincinnati	17	4	2	19	330	163	2265	91	216	307	838 77	123 02		685 09
Oxford	11	2	2	20	261	87	1095	72	216	288	246 17	52 47		115 06
Salem	5	1		13	74	15	708	15	39	54	86 02	33 66		18 85
Madison	8			18	87	30	953	24	87	111	69 68	28 37		40 00
Wabash	7			16	9	17	467	3	42	45	9 12	1 12		8 66
Crawfordsville	9			13	232		585	10	83	93	62 83	22 55		12 00
Centre of Ill.	13			24	26	50	492	3	34	37				18 21
Missouri	11			17	60	88	605	7	55	62	68 04	25 00		119 56
Louisville	13	1	1	18	92	23	1272	32	113	145	213 58	30 13		246 56
Muhlenberg	10			21	25	11	619	7	39	46	74 50	3 50		216 18
Transylvania	12	5	5	24	204	53	2626	97	257	354	205 06	83 00	15 00	1786 45
W. Lexington	13	2	4	22	79	34	1794	39	83	122	138 25	113 87	64 00	1474 75
Ebenezer	12	1	5	21	102	29	1709	43	72	115	468 29	93 81	16 31	158 68
Winchester	14	1	1	22	50	25	1127	9	57	66	226 41		110 00	581 23
East Hanover	12		2	8	63	27	942	6	86	92	1867 42	51 00	559 50	1026 75
West Hanover	21	10	11	27	134	27	1624	35	107	142	354 50	86 00	117 28	200 91
Lexington	24	4	9	36	116	20	3145	21	212	233	228 91	110 25	574 93	257 61
Orange	26	4	6	34	233	20	1614	56	103	159	301 58	92 33	1313 10	389 00

SUMMARY VIEW OF THE PRESBYTERIES, PREPARED BY THE STATED CLERK.

NAMES OF PRESBYTERIES	Ministers.	Licentiates.	Candidates.	Churches.	Comm. added on examination.	Comm. added on certificate.	Total now in Communion.	Adults Baptized since last report.	Infants Baptized since last report.	Total of Baptisms.	Missionary Funds raised.	Funds for Commissioners.	Theological Seminary Funds raised.	Education Funds raised.
Fayetteville	10	2	9	40	173	4	2319	16	230	246		$80 00		
Concord	21	3		52			1974							
Abingdon	8			11	40	12	670	4	55	59	$12 00	9 18		
Union	17	11	10	27	361		2065	71	159	130		12 25		$1173 75
Holston	8	5	3	14	65	5	1846	14	81	95	10 00	2 50		157 00
French Broad	6	2		10	50	10	823	13	49	62		10 00	$6 00	
W. Tennessee	15	1	1	18	63	31	1260	19	84	103	214 15			60 50
Shiloh	9	1		25	62		420	16	62	78	17 00			57 00
N. Alabama	12	3	4	16	54	12	816	14	89	103	224 92			193 26
West. District	5			11	41	15	380	6	27	33	23 00			7 00
S. Carolina	11	3	1	29	384	18	2445	101	141	242		100 00		
Bethel	9	1	2	19	196		1719	31	179	210	5 00	25 50	110 00	
Hopewell	23	4	5	51	325	124	2263	88	245	232	168 04			
Charl. Union	11	1	4	5	47		701	29	23	52				
Harmony	13	2		24	410	5	1838	211	126	327	169 50	108 00		180 00
Georgia	8			4	42		771	9	6	15	650 00			470 00
Mississippi	16	3	2	22	71	34	853	25	128	153	360 12	24 00		122 25
S. Alabama	15	3	2	30	162	46	1081	43	145	188	333 31	42 00		103 00
Tombigbee	9	1		8	153	10	244	127	65	192		18 62		
Totals, 98	1491	220	228	2158	11748	4237	173329	3255	12202	15457	$4914 73	$3504 13	$9463 21	$26130 77

THE DECLARATION AND MEMORIAL

Of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, respecting persecution on account of Religious Opinions, especially in Switzerland.

Whereas, it has been represented to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of North America, on the testimony of a well known and much respected clergyman, who was an eye witness, as well as on evidence arising from other sources, that, in the Cantons of Berne and Vaud in Switzerland, a number of persons, who have, on conscientious principles, separated themselves from the church established by law, are exposed to many grievous hardships, and even to cruel persecution, without the allegation against them of any immoral conduct or any violation of the merely civil laws of those cantons, but solely on the ground of their separation from the established church; and that thus the affecting spectacle has been exhibited to the world of Protestants persecuting Protestants, on account of differences in religious opinions:

And whereas, the Presbyterian Church in the United States, and the Protestant churches in Switzerland have derived their religious doctrines from the Holy Scriptures, through the instrumentality of the same great reformers of blessed memory, so that this General Assembly cannot but feel a most lively interest in all that concerns the honor and prosperity of their Protestant brethren in Switzerland:

And furthermore, because the Presbyterian Church in the United States, under the ordering of a benign and gracious Providence, know by experience the inestimable value of perfect religious liberty, and are fully justified, while in the enjoyment of this blessing, in testifying to their brethren in other nations, and to the world, their full conviction, as well as the results of their experience on the subject;

Therefore, *Resolved*, 1. That this General Assembly do most firmly hold and maintain, that it is the undeniable right of all men to worship the Creator according to the dictates of their own conscience.

2. That they regard every attempt to restrain this right, not only as contrary to the spirit of the gospel, but ineffectual for the promotion of genuine piety, or the prevention of diversities in religious opinion.

3. That the history of this country does, in their view, decidedly prove, that

true religion is most promoted, and the peace and welfare of society are best secured, by allowing perfect liberty of worship to all men.

4. That the General Assembly deeply sympathize with those Protestants in the Swiss Cantons of Berne and Vaud, who are restrained in the right of worshipping their Creator according to their convictions of duty: and that this sympathy is the more lively in as much as those who suffer restraint, profess to adhere to the standards of doctrine and worship adopted by the great reformers.

5. That the General Assembly, in view of the great importance of the truths contained in the foregoing declaration, and wishing to commend them to the attentive consideration of their brethren in Switzerland, feel constrained to address to them the following

MEMORIAL.

To the Reverend, the Pastors of the established Churches of the Cantons of Berne and Vaud in Switzerland, the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of North America wish prosperity and peace in our common Lord.

Brethren,—The holy scriptures command that every man should look not on his own things only, but also on the things of others. In obedience to this command, and in the spirit of true christian love, the Protestant churches did, in the time of the glorious reformation, often afford assistance and counsel one to the other: and when the adherents of the Pope of Rome endeavoured, by the exercise of civil and ecclesiastical power united to suppress the truth, the noble and powerful Canton of Berne did frequently interpose to sustain the cause of religious liberty: and you, brethren, have become inheritors of the glory which your forefathers acquired by the display of exemplary christian benevolence, and of admirable valour connected with fervent piety.

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States take the most lively interest in every thing which concerns their Protestant brethren throughout the world: and they do especially cherish a fraternal regard towards those who dwell in Switzerland; a country always associated in their minds with heroic achievements in the defence of freedom.—They have, therefore, with grief and surprise, heard that brethren, to whose charge nothing could be laid, except that they have conscientiously separated from the established church, are oppressed and persecuted by the authorities of the Cantons of Berne and Vaud.

The General Assembly, while they maintain that the civil magistrate may and ought to punish all immoralities which violate the law and order of society, and that it is not only the right, but the duty of churches, to exercise *ecclesiastical* discipline, according to the rules prescribed by Jesus Christ, for preserving purity of doctrine, worship and morals, cannot but represent to the reverend pastors of Berne and Vaud, *that our Almighty Creator is the only lord of conscience; and that, in his holy word, he has given no authority to any man, or body of men, to control its dictates in regard to his sacred worship.*

It is moreover, believed to be both unjust and unwise to restrain men from offering their homage to the Sovereign of the Universe, in that manner which they believe to be most acceptable to him—because,

1. That worship which is not rendered voluntarily, and according to the dictates of conscience, is not the true worship which the gospel requires, but base hypocrisy:

2. Because the experience of all christians, since the time when perfect religious liberty was established in these United States, proves that the peace and order of society instead of being disturbed, are promoted and secured by allowing every one to worship his Creator, in the way which appears to him

most agreeable to the divine will. It is now well known that human authority cannot bind an enlightened conscience; and that men, who are quiet and peaceable, while they feel that they are free, become restless and often turbulent, when the attempt is made unjustly to restrain them; and therefore, while it is admitted that the members of every church ought to be subject to its whole ecclesiastical order, so long as they voluntarily remain in its communion, yet they ought to be permitted to withdraw from it peaceably, when such may be their choice.

And 3. Because our experience also proves, that entire liberty of conscience is not only compatible with the existence and safety of religion, but that true christianity operates with the greatest energy, and prevails in the greatest purity, where the church relies under the grace of its Lord and Saviour, on nothing to sustain and advance its interests, but the power of truth and goodness, and the impartial exercise of its own spiritual discipline.

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, would therefore earnestly and respectfully plead with the pastors of the churches in Berne and Vaud, to intercede in behalf of the conscientious separatists from their establishment—that they may be permitted to enjoy full liberty of conscience, and to worship their common Lord and Redeemer, according to their convictions of truth and duty, in view of the Holy Scriptures.

Signed by order of the General Assembly,

EZRA FISK, *Moderator.*

JOHN McDOWELL, *Permanent Clerk.*

Done at Philadelphia, in the United States of North America, on the 2d day of June, A. D. 1830.

The following thirteen Ministers of the Gospel have, during our last ecclesiastical year, been removed from us by death, viz.

The Rev. William A. Porter, of the Presbytery of Columbia; the Rev. John M. Mason, D. D. of the 2d Presbytery of New York; the Rev. Matthias Bruen, and the Rev. Joseph Stibbs Christmas, of the Presbytery of New York; the Rev. Manasseh M. York, of the Presbytery of Susquehanna; the Rev. Abiel Jones, of the Presbytery of Grand River; the Rev. James Duncan of the Presbytery of Madison; the Rev. John V. Bovelle, of the Presbytery of Wabash; the Rev. John Patterson, of the Presbytery of Mississippi; the Rev. G. G. M'Whorter, of the Presbytery of South Alabama; the Rev. Joseph D. Kilpatrick, of the Presbytery of Concord; the Rev. Alfred Finney, of the Presbytery of Tombigbee; and the Rev. William Ashmead, of the Presbytery of Charleston Union.

1831.

PHILADELPHIA, May 19, 1831.

THE General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, in the United States of America, met agreeably to appointment, in the first Presbyterian Church, in the city of Philadelphia, Thursday, May 19th, 1831, at 11 o'clock, A. M., and was opened with a sermon by the Rev. Ezra Fisk, D. D., the Moderator of the last Assembly, from Acts xxvi. 18: "To open their eyes, and to turn them from

darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me."

After public worship the Assembly was constituted with prayer.

The Standing Committee of Commissions reported that the following persons present have been duly appointed Commissioners to this General Assembly, viz. :—

Presbytery of Londonderry—*Minister*—Rev. Calvin Cutler. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of Newburyport—*Minister*—Rev. John Proudfit. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of Champlain—*Ministers*—Rev. Moses Chase, Horatio Foote. *Elders*—Mr. William P. Platt, Abraham D. Brinckerhoff.

Presbytery of Albany—*Ministers*—Rev. Elisha Yale, Rufus R. Demming, Jeremiah Wood, Edward N. Kirk. *Elders*—Mr. Joseph Clisbe, Ananias Platt.

Presbytery of Troy—*Ministers*—Rev. Nathan S. S. Beman, D. D., John B. Shaw. *Elder*—Mr. Nicholas M. Masters.

Presbytery of Columbia—*Minister*—Rev. J. Judson Buck. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of Watertown—*Minister*—Rev. George S. Boardman. *Elder*—Mr. Solon Massey.

Presbytery of St. Lawrence—*Minister*—Rev. Loring Brewster. *Elder*—Mr. Lewis B. Parsons.

Presbytery of Oswego—*Minister*—Rev. Lewis H. Loss. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of Oneida—*Ministers*—Rev. Dirck C. Lansing, D. D., Samuel C. Aiken, John Frost. *Elders*—Mr. Daniel Butts, Philip Thurber, Edward Vernon.

Presbytery of Otsego—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—Mr. Albert North.

Presbytery of Chenango—*Ministers*—Rev. John M. Babbit, John B. Fish. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of Cortland—*Minister*—Rev. Samuel Parker. *Elder*—Mr. Zadock Sweetland.

Presbytery of Onondaga—*Minister*—Rev. Oren Hyde. *Elders*—Mr. William Townsend, Abel Cadwell.

Presbytery of Cayuga—*Ministers*—Rev. Samuel W. Brace, Marcus Harrison. *Elder*—Mr. Ebenezer Warner.

Presbytery of Tioga—*Ministers*—Mr. Samuel Robertson, Aaron Putnam. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of Geneva—*Ministers*—Rev. Chauncey Eddy, Eliakim Phelps. *Elder*—Mr. Augustus Whitman.

Presbytery of Bath—*Minister*—Rev. David Higgins. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of Angelica—*Minister*—Rev. Silas Hubbard. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of Ontario—*Minister*—None. *Elders*—Mr. Felix Tracy, John Colt.

Presbytery of Rochester—*Minister*—Rev. Asa Mahan. *Elders*—Mr. David Acre, Hezekiah B. Pierpont.

Presbytery of Genessee—*Minister*—Rev. Eli S. Hunter. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of Niagara—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—Mr. John Hood.

Presbytery of Buffalo—*Ministers*—Rev. Miles P. Squier, Erastus J. Gillet. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of Hudson—*Ministers*—Rev. Ezra Fisk, D. D., Hugh M. Koontz. *Elder*—Mr. Stephen Austin.

Presbytery of North River—*Ministers*—Rev. Robert G. Armstrong, Asahel Bronson. *Elder*—P. L. De St. Croix, M. D.

PRESBYTERY OF BEDFORD—*Ministers*—Rev. Jonathan Dickinson, Jacob Green. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF LONG ISLAND—*Minister*—Rev. Zechariah Green. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF NEW YORK—*Ministers*—Rev. Gardiner Spring, D. D., James V. Henry. *Elders*—Mr. Hugh Auchincloss, William W. Vermilye, Gaius Fenn.

PRESBYTERY OF NEW YORK, (2d.)—*Minister*—Rev. Wm. D. Snodgrass, D. D. *Elder*—Mr. Samuel Boyd.

PRESBYTERY OF NEW YORK, (3d.)—*Ministers*—Rev. William Patton, Absalom Peters. *Elders*—Mr. William A. Tomlinson, Knowles Taylor.

PRESBYTERY OF NEWARK—*Ministers*—Rev. Asa Hillyer, D. D., John Ford. *Elders*—Mr. William Tuttle, David Nichols.

PRESBYTERY OF ELIZABETHTOWN—*Ministers*—Rev. John McDowell, D. D., Lewis Bond. *Elder*—Mr. Jonathan Thompson.

PRESBYTERY OF NEW BRUNSWICK—*Ministers*—Rev. Samuel Miller, D. D., George S. Woodhull, Joseph H. Jones. *Elder*—Mr. J. T. Woodhull, M. D.

PRESBYTERY OF NEWTON—*Ministers*—Rev. Jacob R. Castner, John Gray. *Elders*—Mr. Benjamin McDowell, Thomas McKeen.

PRESBYTERY OF SUSQUEHANNA—*Minister*—Rev. Salmon King. *Elders*—Mr. Parly Coburn, William Jessup.

PRESBYTERY OF PHILADELPHIA—*Ministers*—Rev. Ashbel Green, D. D., Joshua T. Russell, William Latta, Alexander Boyd. *Elders*—Mr. John McMullin, William Nassau, Henry McKeen, Matthew L. Bevan.

PRESBYTERY OF NEW CASTLE—*Ministers*—Rev. Samuel Martin, D. D., Robert White, Thomas Love. *Elders*—Mr. Robert Clark, James Ralston.

PRESBYTERY OF LEWES—*Minister*—Rev. Cornelius H. Mustard. *Elder*—Mr. John Fassitt.

PRESBYTERY OF BALTIMORE—*Minister*—Rev. George W. Musgrave. *Elder*—Maxwell M'Dowell, M. D.

PRESBYTERY OF DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA—*Minister*—Rev. John Mines. *Elder*—Mr. William Anderson.

PRESBYTERY OF CARLISLE—*Ministers*—Rev. David McConaughy, John Moody, James Buchanan. *Elders*—Mr. John Kennedy, Samuel Agnew, M. D.

PRESBYTERY OF HUNTINGDON—*Ministers*—Rev. John Hutchinson, John Peebles. *Elder*—Mr. John Kerr.

PRESBYTERY OF NORTHUMBERLAND—*Ministers*—Rev. John B. Patterson, John H. Grier. *Elder*—Mr. John F. McCormick.

PRESBYTERY OF ALLEGHENY—*Minister*—Rev. John Coulter. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF ERIE—*Ministers*—Rev. Peter Hassinger, Pierce Chamberlain. *Elder*—David Derickson, Esq.

PRESBYTERY OF HARTFORD—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF REDSTONE—*Minister*—Rev. Alexander McCandless. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF STEUBENVILLE—*Minister*—Rev. John McArthur. *Elder* None.

PRESBYTERY OF WASHINGTON, Pa.—*Ministers*—Rev. William C. Anderson, William Wylie. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF OHIO—*Ministers*—Rev. Elisha P. Swift, Alan D. Campbell. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF BLAIRSVILLE—*Ministers*—Rev. Samuel Swan, Watson Hughes. *Elder*—Mr. David Johnson.

PRESBYTERY OF DETROIT—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF GRAND RIVER—*Ministers*—Rev. Jonathan Leslie, Joseph A. Pepoon. *Elder*—Mr. Clement Tuttle.

PRESBYTERY OF PORTAGE—*Ministers*—Rev. Alvan Nash, Joseph Treat. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF HURON—*Minister*—Rev. Everton Judson, Loren Robbins. *Elder*—Mr. Moors Farwell.

PRESBYTERY OF TRUMBULL—*Minister*—Rev. Chester Birge. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF COLUMBUS—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF RICHLAND—*Minister*—Rev. Thomas Barr. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF CLEAVELAND—*Ministers*—Rev. Daniel W. Lathrop. John McCrea. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF CHILLICOTHE—*Minister*—Rev. Samuel D. Blythe. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF LANCASTER—*Minister*—Rev. Jacob Little. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF ATHENS—*Minister*—Rev. John Spaulding. *Elder*—Mr. Joseph B. Miles.

PRESBYTERY OF MIAMI—*Minister*—Rev. John L. Belville. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF CINCINNATI—*Ministers*—Rev. David Root, Thomas Cole. *Elders*—Mr. John Lowes, Jabez C. Tunis.

PRESBYTERY OF OXFORD.—*Minister*—Rev. Samuel J. Miller. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF SALEM—*Minister*—Rev. Alexander Williamson. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF MADISON—*Minister*—Rev. John Matthews, D. D. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF VINCENNES.—*Minister*—Rev. Calvin Butler. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF CRAWFORDSVILLE—*Minister*—Rev. James Thompson. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF SANGAMON—*Minister*—Rev. Thomas A. Spilman. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF KASKASKIA—*Minister*—Rev. Theron Baldwin. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF INDIANAPOLIS—*Minister*—Rev. Samuel G. Lowry. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF ILLINOIS—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF MISSOURI—*Minister*—Rev. Thomas R. Durfee. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF LOUISVILLE—*Minister*—Rev. William Scott. *Elder*—Mr. William S. Vernon.

PRESBYTERY OF MUHLENBERG—*Minister*—Rev. Thomas Caldwell. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF TRANSYLVANIA—*Minister*—Rev. John D. Paxton. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF WEST LEXINGTON—*Ministers*—Rev. Samuel Steel, John T. Edgar. *Elders*—Mr. Abraham T. Skilman, Robert J. Breckinridge.

PRESBYTERY OF EBENEZER—*Ministers*—Rev. Samuel Y. Garrison, Charles Phillips. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF WINCHESTER—*Minister*—Rev. Septimus Tuston. *Elder*—Mr. Alexander Cooper.

PRESBYTERY OF EAST HANOVER—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF WEST HANOVER—*Minister*—Rev. Jacob D. Mitchell. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF LEXINGTON—*Ministers*—Rev. John McElhenny, John D. Ewing. *Elder*—Mr. Thomas Paxton.

PRESBYTERY OF ORANGE—*Minister*—Rev. Hiram P. Goodrich. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF FAYETTEVILLE—*Minister*—Rev. Alexander McIver. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF CONCORD—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF ABINGDON—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None

PRESBYTERY OF UNION—*Ministers*—Rev. Sumner Mandeville, Thomas Brown. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF HOLSTON—*Minister*—Rev. Frederick A. Ross. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF FRENCH BROAD—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF WEST TENNESSEE—*Minister*—Rev. Samuel W. Calvert. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF SHILOH—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF MISSISSIPPI—*Ministers*—Rev. Jer'h Chamberlain, D. D., John L. Montgomery. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF NORTH ALABAMA—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—Mr. James Elliot.

PRESBYTERY OF TOMBIGBEE—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF SOUTH CAROLINA—*Minister*—Rev. David Humphreys. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF BETHEL—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF HOPEWELL—*Minister*—Rev. Samuel K. Talmage. *Elder*—Mr. Elizur L. Newton.

PRESBYTERY OF CHARLESTON UNION—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—Mr. Thomas Napier.

PRESBYTERY OF HARMONY—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF GEORGIA—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF SOUTH ALABAMA—*Minister*—Rev. Isaac Hadden. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF WESTERN DISTRICT—*Minister*—Rev. John L. Sloane. *Elder*—None.

GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF CONNECTICUT—Rev. Royal Robbins, Francis L. Robbins, Leonard Bacon.

GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF MASSACHUSETTS—None.

GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF NEW HAMPSHIRE—Rev. Abraham Burnham.

GENERAL CONVENTION OF VERMONT—None.

GENERAL SYNOD OF REFORMED DUTCH CHURCH—None.

GENERAL SYNOD OF GERMAN REFORMED CHURCH—None.

GENERAL CONFERENCE OF MAINE—Rev. David Thurston.

The committee further reported four commissions from the Presbytery of New Brunswick, two from Watertown, one from New Castle, and one from Northumberland, as wanting the date of the year of the appointment. Also, one commission from New Castle and one from Rochester, as wanting the signature of the Moderator; and a commission from Grand River for a member of a Standing Committee, instead of a Ruling Elder. The committee also reported, that the Rev. John M'Crea, of the Presbytery of Cleaveland, has informed them that he has lost his commission.

Mr. Jacob Green, Mr. Patton, and Mr. A. Platt, were appointed a committee of elections, and the informal commissions were referred to them.

The Assembly had a recess until 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Thursday, 4 o'clock, P. M.

After the recess the Assembly met.

The committee of elections reported that they had received satisfactory evidence of the regular appointment as commissioners of the persons whose commissions had been referred to them. With respect to the case of the Standing

Committee-man from Grand River Presbytery, they decline expressing any opinion as to the constitutional question of the right of such to a seat in the Assembly.

The Assembly proceeded to consider the case of the person denominated "standing committee" in the commission, and after considerable discussion, it was resolved, that the member be received, and enrolled among the list of members.

The Assembly proceeded to the election of a Moderator, when the Rev. Nathan S. S. Beman, D. D., was elected.

The Rev. Jacob Green was elected temporary clerk.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Friday, May 20th, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Assembly met, and was constituted with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The committee of commissions reported the following additional members, who appeared and took their seats, viz: Rev. William S. White, and Mr. William I. Dupuy ruling elder from the Presbytery of West Hanover; Rev. William Nesbit from the Presbytery of Hartford; Rev. Thomas Hunt from the Presbytery of Steubenville; Rev. James Richards, D. D. from the Presbytery of Cayuga; Rev. Francis Herron, D. D. from the Presbytery of Ohio; Rev. David H. Riddle from the Presbytery of Winchester; Rev. John Witherspoon from the Presbytery of Orange; Rev. Cyrus L. Watson from the Presbytery of Illinois; Rev. Daniel Deruelle from the Presbytery of Susquehanna; Mr. William Phillips, a ruling elder from the Presbytery of Hudson; William Montgomery, a ruling elder, from the Presbytery of Northumberland; and Rev Samuel Helfenstein from the German Reformed Synod.

At the call of the roll, the Stated Clerk furnished the members of the Assembly with the printed minutes of the last Assembly.

The Stated Clerk, agreeably to a standing rule, presented a docket of business, which was read.

Mr. Thurbur had leave of absence.

Dr. Richards, Mr. Swift, Mr. Yale, Mr. Witherspoon, Mr. Patton, Mr. D. Thurston, and Mr. F. L. Robbins, *ministers*, and Mr. Tracy, Mr. W. Anderson, Mr. Taylor, and Mr. Tunis, *elders*, were appointed a committee of bills and overtures, to meet immediately after the rising of the Assembly this morning, and afterwards on their own adjournments.

Dr. Lansing, Dr. Fisk, Mr. D. W. Lathrop, Mr. Ross, and Mr. Bacon, *ministers*, and Mr. A. Platt, Mr. Tomlinson, and Mr. W. S. Vernon, *elders*, were appointed a judicial committee.

Mr. Auchincloss, Mr. Parsons, and Mr. Napier were appointed a committee to receive an account of the miles travelled by the commissioners to the Assembly, and to make an apportionment of the Commissioners' fund, agreeably to a standing rule on the subject.

Resolved, That it be the order of the day for Monday next, to receive from the Presbyteries and corresponding bodies, written accounts of the state of religion within their bounds. Mr. Eddy, Dr. Matthews, Dr. Spring, Mr. Aiken, and Mr. Root were appointed a committee to take notes, and prepare a narrative of the state of religion.

Dr. M'Dowell, Dr. Spring, and Mr. Talmage were appointed a committee to make arrangements for the religious services of Wednesday next; which, agreeably to a standing rule, is to be devoted to religious exercises.

Resolved, That Dr. Miller, Mr. S. Steel, Mr. Kirk, Mr. Napier, and Mr. Lowes be a committee to consider whether it is expedient that the Assembly, as such, should celebrate the ordinance of the Lord's supper, during their sessions; and if so, when; and to report as soon as practicable.

The Permanent Clerk informed the Assembly that there have been put into his hands the following papers, viz. "Complaint of the minority of the Presbytery of Philadelphia, against a reference by said Presbytery of the case of the Rev. Albert Barnes;" and, "The case of the Rev. Horace Belknap, referred to the General Assembly by the Presbytery of Harmony." These cases were referred to the Judicial committee.

The Rev. Joseph M'Carrell and Mr. John Forsyth, appeared in the Assembly as Commissioners from the Associate Reformed Synod of New York, and presented a memorial from said Synod, urging a claim to the library and certain funds, transferred by the General Synod of the Associate Reformed Church, at the time they dissolved, to the General Assembly, and now in possession of the Theological Seminary at Princeton.

This memorial was referred to Dr. Snodgrass, Mr. Campbell, Dr. Fisk, Mr. Breckinridge, Mr. S. Boyd, Mr. Elliot, and Dr. Woodhull.

Nominations were made for delegates to attend the several ecclesiastical bodies holding correspondence with the General Assembly.

The Rev. Isaac Lewis appeared in the Assembly and made application in behalf of the *Evangelical Consociation of Rhode Island*, for a correspondence with the General Assembly, on the same terms with the other Congregational bodies of New England, in correspondence with this body.

This subject was referred to Dr. Miller, Mr. Squier, and Mr. Armstrong.

The Permanent Clerk reported that there had been put into his hands a complaint from Thomas Bradford, Jr., Esq., against certain proceedings of the Presbytery of Philadelphia in relation to the Rev. Albert Barnes. This complaint was referred to the Judicial committee.

Adjourned till this afternoon at 4 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Friday, 4 o'clock, P. M.

The Assembly met, and was constituted with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The committee of commissions reported the following additional members, who appeared and took their seats, viz. Rev. Jesse H. Turner from the Presbytery of East Hanover, Mr. Sheldon C. D. Raymond, a ruling elder from the Presbytery of North River, and Mr. Francis G. Bailey, a ruling elder from the Presbytery of Ohio.

The Assembly proceeded to the election of delegates to the Corresponding bodies. The ballots were received and committed to Mr. Foote, Mr. Patton, and Mr. Tracy, to count them, and report the result to the Assembly.

The Permanent Clerk reported that there had been put into his hands the following papers, viz. "A protest of the minority against the decision of the majority of the session of the First Presbyterian church of the city of New Orleans;" "A complaint by the minority of the Presbytery of Philadelphia, against the proceedings of the said Presbytery in the case of the Rev. Albert Barnes;" "A complaint of the minority of the Synod of Kentucky against the proceedings of said Synod in the case of Dr. A. Smith;" and "A complaint of a minority of the Synod of Kentucky, against the proceedings of said Synod in the case of Mr. B. H. Hobbs, a ruling elder." These cases were referred to the Judicial committee.

The committee of overtures reported Overtures Nos. 1, 2, and 3, which were put on the docket.

The following committees were appointed to examine the Synodical Records, viz:

Records of the Synod of Albany, Dr. Chamberlain, Mr. Paxton, and Mr. Bevan.

Records of the Synod of Utica, Mr. White, Mr. Musgrave, and Dr. M. M'Dowell.

Records of the Synod of New York, Mr. Phelps, Mr. Tuston, and Mr. Napier.

Records of the Synod of New Jersey, Mr. Chase, Mr. Baldwin, and Mr. Fenn.

Records of the Synod of Geneva, Mr. Henry, Mr. Wiley, and Mr. Dupuy.

Records of the Synod of Genessee, Mr. Goodrich, Mr. Mines, and Mr. W. Tuttle.

Records of the Synod of Philadelphia, Mr. Brace, Mr. Ford, and Mr. Masters.

Records of the Synod of Pittsburgh, Mr. Mahan, Mr. Thompson, and Mr. C. Tuttle.

Records of the Synod of Western Reserve, Mr. Squier, Mr. Brown, and Mr. Newton.

Records of the Synod of Ohio, Mr. Proudfit, Mr. Mitchell, and Mr. Brinckerhoof.

Records of the Synod of Cincinnati, Dr. Woodhull, Mr. Jones, and Mr. Clark.

Records of the Synod of Indiana, Mr. A. Boyd, Mr. Mustard, and Mr. H. M'Keen.

Records of the Synod of Kentucky, Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Montgomery, and Mr. Cooper.

Records of the Synod of Virginia, Mr. Putnam, Mr. Patterson, and Mr. Jessup.

Records of the Synod of North Carolina, Mr. Boardman, Mr. Talmage, and Mr. M'Cormick.

Records of the Synod of West Tennessee, Mr. Swift, Mr. Hubbard, and Mr. Vermilye.

Records of the Synod of South Carolina and Georgia, Mr. Latta, Mr. Hunter, and Mr. Kennedy.

Records of the Synod of Mississippi and South Alabama, Mr. Buck, Mr. Babbit, and Mr. W. Platt.

The committee to whom was referred the proposal from the Evangelical Consociation of Rhode Island, for a correspondence with the General Assembly, reported, that after making careful inquiry of the delegate concerning the faith, order, and present state of the churches forming the body which he represents, they would respectfully recommend to the Assembly the adoption of the following resolutions, viz:

1. *Resolved*, That the proposal of the Evangelical Consociation of Rhode Island be complied with; and that a plan of correspondence between that body and the General Assembly be, and the same hereby is adopted, on the same terms which regulate the correspondence between the General Assembly and the other Congregational Bodies of New England.

2. *Resolved*, That there be an annual interchange of one delegate from each to the other respectively.

3. *Resolved*, That the Rev. Isaac Lewis, the bearer of this proposal from the Consociation of Rhode Island, be invited to take his seat in the General Assembly as the representative of that body.

The above report was adopted, and the Rev. Isaac Lewis took his seat as a member of the Assembly.

Overture No. 1, viz. An overture from the Third Presbytery of New York, on the subject of the commissioners' fund, was taken up and committed to Dr. Woodhull, Mr. Ford, and Mr. Wood.

Overture No. 2, viz. The following questions, Have the members of a Session, a Presbytery, or a Synod, a constitutional right to vote as members of a Superior Judicatory when their own minutes are under review? And if they have

that right in any case, what is that case? was taken up, read, and indefinitely postponed.

Overture No. 3, viz. a request from the Synod of New York on the publication of a pocket edition of the Form of Government and Book of Discipline: and also the following question, Is baptism by a popish priest valid? was taken up, and the part of it relating to the publication of the Form of Government, &c., was committed to Dr. Martin, Mr. Gray and Mr. Johnston. The second part, viz., the question on baptism, was committed to Dr. Miller, Mr. Frost, and Mr. Sweetland.

The committee appointed to count the votes for delegates to the several ecclesiastical bodies holding correspondence with the Assembly reported, and the following persons were declared duly elected, viz:

Rev. David Root, Rev. Dirck C. Lansing, D. D. and the Rev. Samuel G. Lowry to attend the General Association of Connecticut.

Rev. David Root and Rev. Dirck C. Lansing, D. D., to attend the General Association of Massachusetts.

Rev. Samuel G. Lowry to attend the General Conference of Maine.

Rev. Gardiner Spring, D. D., to attend the General Association of New Hampshire, and the General Convention of Vermont, and the Rev. John Frost, to be his alternate.

Rev. William B. Sprague, D. D. and Mr. Ananias Platt, ruling elder, to attend the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church.

Rev. Samuel W. Brace, to be alternate to Dr. Sprague.

Rev. David M'Conaughy and Rev. Richard W. Dickinson, to attend the Synod of the German Reformed Church; Rev. William R. Dewitt to be the alternate of either of them that may fail: and

Rev. David Root to attend the Evangelical Consociation of Rhode Island.

Dr. John McDowell, Mr. Patton, and Mr. Tunis were appointed a committee to take into consideration the subject of statistical reports; and also the form of printing the minutes, and report whether any changes can consistently be made by which the expense of said printing may be lessened.

The Permanent Clerk announced to the Assembly, that there had been put into his hands a reference from the Presbytery of Philadelphia of the whole case of the Rev. Albert Barnes before that body. This case was referred to the judicial committee.

A number of copies of the minutes of their last meetings were presented to the Assembly, respectively, by the General Association of New Hampshire and the German Reformed Synod. These minutes were committed to Mr. Proudfit and Mr. Mitchell, to be distributed among the members.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Saturday morning, May 21st, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Assembly met, and was constituted with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The committee of commissions reported the following additional members, who appeared and took their seats, viz: Rev. Robert McCartee from the Presbytery of New York; Rev. Ebenezer Mead from the Presbytery of Rochester; Rev. William Todd from the Presbytery of Geneva; and Mr. John House, a ruling elder, from the Presbytery of Troy.

The committee appointed to consider whether it is expedient that the Assembly as such, should celebrate the ordinance of the Lord's supper during their sessions, and if so, when and where, made the following report, viz:

That in the opinion of the committee such a celebration is expedient and highly desirable. They would therefore recommend to the Assembly the adoption of the following resolutions, viz:

1. *Resolved*, That the members of the Assembly will celebrate the Lord's supper together, on the next Lord's day, at 5 o'clock in the afternoon, in the First Presbyterian Church.

2. *Resolved*, That such other ministers and members of the Presbyterian Church, and of sister churches, as may be disposed to attend, be affectionately invited to do so.

The above report was adopted.

The committee also reported an order of exercises to be observed, and the names of members to lead in the exercises, which was adopted.

Resolved, That the Session of the 1st Presbyterian Church be requested to provide the elements for the occasion, and to attend to the distribution of them.

The committee of overtures reported overtures Nos. 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9.

Overture No. 4, viz. "A request from the Presbytery of Elizabeth Town, respecting Statistical Reports," was taken up, read, and committed to the committee appointed yesterday on statistical reports, and the printing of minutes.

Overture No. 5, viz. "A request from the Presbytery of Newton, in relation to a more full report of the several questions of doctrine and discipline which are decided in the General Assembly," was taken up and committed to Mr. Frost, Mr. Buck, and Mr. Kennedy.

Overture No. 6, viz: "An overture on the subject of Foreign Missions from the Rev. Dr. John H. Rice, was taken up, read, and committed to Mr. Armstrong, Mr. Calvert, Mr. Goodrich, Dr. J. M'Dowell, and Dr. Agnew.

Overture No. 7, viz: "A resolution of the Synod of Tennessee on the place of meeting of the General Assembly," was taken up, read, and committed to Dr. Matthews, Dr. Green, Mr. Talmage, Mr. Treat, and Mr. Kirk.

Overture No. 8, viz: "A request from the Presbytery of West Lexington, that the constitutional measures may be taken to have the representation to the Assembly diminished," was taken up, read, and committed to Mr. Eddy, Dr. Woodhull, and Mr. Kennedy.

Overture No. 9, viz: "An overture from the Synod of Kentucky on the subject of Statistical Reports," was taken up, read, and committed to the committee already appointed on this subject.

The report of the committee on the organization of new churches, which was postponed by the last Assembly, was taken up, read, and committed to Dr. Green, Dr. Spring, Mr. Little, Dr. Miller, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Clisbe, and Mr. Pierpoint.

Adjourned till Monday, May 23d, 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Monday morning, May 23d, 9 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and was constituted with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The committee of commissions reported the following additional members, who appeared and took their seats, viz:—Rev. Elipha White, from the Presbytery of Charleston Union; Rev. John Rennie, from the Presbytery of Harmony; Rev. Daniel Beers, from the Presbytery of Long Island; Mr. Abraham B. Hall, a ruling elder from the Presbytery of Geneva; and Mr. Stephen Thomas, a ruling elder from the Presbytery of Holston.

A letter was received and read from Mr. Harrison Hall, in which he stated, that he had in his possession a book which appeared to be the original record of the proceedings of the Synod of Philadelphia from A. D., 1727, to A. D., 1744. This letter was committed to Dr. Green, Mr. Squier, and Mr. W. Anderson.

The committee appointed to make arrangements for conducting the religious exercises of Wednesday next made a report, which was accepted.

The Stated Clerk presented a letter addressed to the Assembly, from the Rev. Colany Nee, pastor of several Protestant churches in France. This letter

was read and committed to Dr. Spring, Mr. Riddle, and Mr. Rennie, to prepare and report an answer.

The Assembly, agreeably to the order of the day, began to receive from the Presbyteries and the Corresponding Bodies written accounts of the state of religion, and proceeded some length in this business.

The committee appointed on a letter from Mr. Harrison Hall made a report, which being read and amended, was adopted, and is as follows, viz:—

That till the year 1788, when the present constitution of the Presbyterian Church was founded, the Synod of New York and Philadelphia was the Supreme Judicatory of this church; and your committee are clearly of opinion, that all the records of the Supreme Judicatory of this church, from its origin to the present time, ought now to be considered as the property of the General Assembly, and subject to their order; and that the records of all subordinate judicatories, both before and since the formation of the General Assembly, ought to be considered as the property of such subordinate judicatories, although loaned for a time, agreeably to a recommendation of the Assembly, to a committee appointed to write the history of the Presbyterian Church in the United States. In conformity with the principle above stated, your committee recommend that the book in the hands of Mr. Hall be delivered to the Stated Clerk, to be by him loaned to the committee appointed by the Assembly in 1825 to receive documents and annals relative to the history of the Presbyterian Church, and be considered as the property of the General Assembly.

Adjourned till 4 o'clock, this afternoon. Concluded with prayer.

Monday, 4 o'clock, P. M.

The Assembly met, and was constituted with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The Assembly resumed the business of receiving written reports on the state of religion.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Tuesday morning, May 24th, 9 o'clock.

The assembly met and was constituted with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The committee of commissions reported the following additional members, who appeared and took their seats, viz: Rev. Eli Baldwin, and Mr. Abraham Van Nest, a ruling elder from the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church; and Mr. John Lowrey and Mr. William Wilson, ruling elders from the Presbytery of New Brunswick.

A number of copies of the minutes of the last General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church, and also a number of copies of the minutes of the last General Conference of Maine, were presented to the Assembly, and committed to the committee of distribution, to be distributed among the members.

The committee to whom was referred the report made to the last Assembly, on the organization of new churches made a report, which was read, and after some discussion, recommitted to the same committee

Mr. Goodrich had leave of absence.

Resolved, That it be the order of the day for Thursday morning next to receive the report of the Board of Missions.

The committee to whom was referred the question contained in overture No. 3, viz: "whether baptism by a Popish Priest ought to be considered as valid?" made a report, which was accepted and laid on the table.

The committee of overtures reported overtures Nos. 10, 11, 12, 13, and 14, which were put upon the docket.

The committee appointed on the memorial from the Associate Reformed Sy-

nod made a report. The commissioners on the part of the Synod were heard at length in support of their claim.

Adjourned till half-past 3 o'clock this afternoon. Concluded with prayer.

Tuesday, half-past 3 o'clock, P. M.

The Assembly met, and was constituted with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The committee of commissions reported the Rev. Isaac W. Ruggles, as a member of the Assembly from the Presbytery of Detroit. Mr. Ruggles appeared and took his seat.

Overture No. 10, viz: an application for the division of the Synod of Indiana, was taken up and read, and committed to Mr. Campbell, Mr. James Thompson, and Mr. T. Baldwin.

The Assembly had a recess to attend the Anniversary of the American Sunday School Union.

Adjourned for business till Thursday morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Thursday morning, May 26th, 9 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and was constituted with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The committee of commissions reported the following additional members, who appeared and took their seats, viz: Rev. Charles Wadsworth, from the Presbytery of Otsego; Rev. Alfred Wright, from the Presbytery of Tombigbee; and Mr. Samuel Murphy, a ruling elder from the Presbytery of New Castle.

Yesterday was spent by the Assembly in religious exercises agreeably to the plan reported by the committee of arrangements.

Overture No. 11, viz: "a request from the Church at Nanticoke, to be detached from the Susquehanna Presbytery in the Synod of New Jersey, and united with the Presbytery of Tioga, in the Synod of Geneva," was taken up, when it was resolved, that the request be granted; and the congregation of Nanticoke is hereby detached from the Presbytery of Susquehanna, and united with the Presbytery of Tioga.

Overture No. 12, viz: on the right of members of standing committees to be members of the General Assembly, was taken up, read, and laid on the table.

Overture No. 13, viz: "a memorial from the Presbytery of Madison on the mode of conducting missionary operations in the West," was taken up, read, and committed to Dr. Matthews, Mr. Root, Mr. Russell, Mr. Peters, Mr. C. Philips, Mr. Skilman, and Mr. Hall.

Overture No. 14, viz: the following question from the Presbytery of Salem, "Has a ruling elder in any case a legal right to adjudicate in another church than that of which he is an elder?" was taken up and decided in the negative.

Resolved, That it be the order of the day for Monday morning next to receive the report of the Board of Education.

The committee to whom was referred overture No. 10, viz: an application for the division of the Synod of Indiana, reported in favour of the application; when it was resolved, agreeably to the request of the Synod, that the Presbyteries of Illinois, Kaskaskia, Sangamon, and Missouri, be and they hereby are erected into a new Synod, to be known by the name of the Synod of Illinois: that the Synod thus erected be required to hold their first meeting at Hillsborough, Montgomery county, Illinois, on the third Thursday of September, 1831, at 12 o'clock, noon; and that the Rev. John Matthews open the same with a sermon, and preside until a Moderator be chosen; and in case of his absence, the senior minister present.

The consideration of the report of the committee on the memorial from the

Associate Reformed Synod of New York was resumed, and after considerable discussion the following resolution was adopted, viz:—

Resolved, That the memorial and the report be referred to the Trustees of the Theological Seminary at Princeton, for the purpose of investigating the claims of the memorialists, and if, in the judgment of the said Trustees, the property in question belongs either in law or equity to the Associate Reformed Synod of New York, the said Trustees be hereby advised by this Assembly to deliver the property to the Synod aforesaid.

The Judicial Committee reported the complaint of the minority of the Presbytery of Philadelphia in the case of the Rev. Albert Barnes, and recommended an order to be pursued in hearing this complaint. This report was accepted.

The Board of Missions presented their Annual Report, which was read by their Secretary and accepted.

A number of copies of the last Annual Report of the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions was presented to the Assembly to be distributed among the members.

Adjourned till 4 o'clock this afternoon. Concluded with prayer.

Thursday, 4 o'clock, P. M.

The Assembly met, and was constituted with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The report of the Board of Missions made this morning was committed to Mr. Witherspoon, Mr. Lathrop, Mr. Shaw, Mr. Boardman and Mr. Little. The Assembly resolved to take up the complaint of the minority of the Presbytery of Philadelphia in the case of Mr. Barnes.

The Moderator, agreeably to a standing rule, announced that the Assembly was about to pass to the consideration of the business assigned for trial, and enjoined on the members to recollect and regard their high character as judges of a Court of Jesus Christ, and the solemn duty in which they were about to act.

The Assembly united in prayer for direction in this business.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Friday morning, May 27th, 9 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and was constituted with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

Reports were received from the delegates respectively to the last General Association of Connecticut and Massachusetts, and the last General Conference of Maine, which were accepted.

The Assembly resumed the consideration of the complaint of the minority of the Presbytery of Philadelphia in the case of the Rev. Albert Barnes.

The whole proceedings of the Presbytery in the case complained of, and the printed sermon of Mr. Barnes, entitled, "The Way of Salvation," which led to these proceedings, were read.

Adjourned till this afternoon at 4 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Friday, 4 o'clock, P. M.

The Assembly met, and was constituted with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The consideration of the complaint of the minority of the Presbytery of Philadelphia was resumed; and their complaint was read. The parties then agreed to submit the case to the Assembly without argument, when it was resolved, to refer the whole case to a select committee. Dr. Miller, Dr. Matthews, Dr. Lansing, Dr. Fisk, Dr. Spring, Dr. J. McDowell, Mr. Bacon, Mr. Ross, Mr E. White, Mr. Jessup, and Mr. Napier were appointed this committee.

The committee to whom was re-committed the report to the last Assembly

on the organization of new churches, reported again, and their report was read and adopted, and is as follows, viz.

That a particular Presbyterian church, so far as adults are concerned, is constituted and organized as such, by a number of individuals, professing to walk together as the disciples of Jesus Christ, on the principles of the Confession of Faith and Form of Government of the Presbyterian church, and the election and ordination of one or more ruling elders, who, by the ordination service become the spiritual rulers of the persons voluntarily submitting themselves to their authority in the Lord.

This organization ought always to be made by application to the Presbytery, within the bounds of which the church to be organized is found, unless this be exceedingly inconvenient, in which case it may be done by a duly authorized missionary, or a neighbouring minister of the gospel.

At the time appointed for the purpose, after prayer for divine direction and blessing, the presiding minister, or committee appointed by the Presbytery, should first receive from those persons to be organized into the new church, if they have been communicants in other churches, letters of dismission and recommendation; and in the next place, examine and admit to a profession of faith, such persons as may offer themselves, and may be judged suitable to be received on examination. If any of these persons admitted to a profession on examination, have not been baptized, they should, in this stage of the business, be made the subjects of Christian baptism.

The individuals ascertained in the foregoing manner to be desirous and prepared to associate as a church of Christ, should now, by some public formal act, such as rising, joining hands, or subscribing a written statement, agree and covenant to walk together in a church relation, according to the acknowledged doctrines and order of the Presbyterian church.

The next step is to proceed to the election and ordination of ruling elders, in conformity with the directions given on this subject in the Form of Government of the Presbyterian church.

Deacons are to be elected and ordained in like manner as in the case of ruling elders.

When a church has been organized in the manner already described, report of the same should be made as soon as practicable, to the Presbytery within whose bounds it is located. And when a missionary, or other minister of the gospel, not especially appointed to the work by a Presbytery, has, in the manner above specified, organized a church, not within the known bounds of any Presbytery, the church thus organized should as soon as practicable make known to some Presbytery, with which it may be most naturally and conveniently connected, the time and manner of its organization, and desire to be received under the care of said Presbytery.

In cases in which churches are to be formed within the known boundaries of any Presbytery, it is most desirable that persons wishing to be organized as a Presbyterian church, should petition that Presbytery to receive them under its care for the purpose of organizing them in due form.

There may be people in destitute portions of our land, who may be disposed to associate for the purpose of forming a Presbyterian congregation, when no minister of the gospel can be obtained to aid them. The forming of associations for such a purpose, in the circumstances contemplated, should be considered not only as lawful, but highly commendable. And such associations when formed, should, as speedily as possible, take measures for obtaining the preaching of the gospel, and for becoming organized as regular churches.

Cases may also occur, in various places, in which a collection or association of people may desire the preaching of the gospel, and be willing, in whole or in part, to support it, and yet may not have suitable men among them to sustain the office of ruling elders.

Such people may, and ought to obtain a preacher of the gospel to labour among them, and occasionally to administer ordinances, under the direction of some Presbytery, till they shall find themselves in circumstances to make a proper choice of ruling elders, and to have them regularly set apart to their office.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Saturday, May 28th, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Assembly met, and was constituted with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The report of the delegate to the last meeting of the Synod of the German Reformed Church was received, read, and accepted.

The Directors of the Theological Seminary at Princeton made their annual report, which was read, accepted, and ordered to be printed in the appendix to the minutes.

The Trustees of the Theological Seminary at Princeton made their annual report, which was read and accepted, and ordered to be printed in the appendix to the minutes.

Resolved, That the sum of $5300 for the payment of Professors' salaries for the present year; and also agreeably to the request of the Board in their report just made, the further sum of $300 for repairs, and contingent expenses be put at the disposal of the Trustees of the Theological Seminary at Princeton.

The committee of overtures reported Overture No. 15, viz., a memorial from the Session of the church at Frankfort, Ky., on the subject of missions. This overture was read and committed to the committee appointed on Overture No. 13, on the mode of conducting missionary operations in the West.

The committee of overtures also reported Overture No. 16, viz., a memorial of the Richland Presbytery on the subject of Missions. This overture was read and committed to the same committee.

Nominations were made to fill the vacancies in the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary at Princeton.

Dr. Agnew had leave of absence.

The committee of overtures reported Overture No. 17, viz., an application from certain members of the Presbytery of Philadelphia for the erection of a new Presbytery. This overture was read, and after considerable discussion the previous question was moved, when the overture was indefinitely postponed.

The committee of overtures reported Overture No. 18, viz., a memorial and petition from fifteen ruling elders in the 1st, 2d, 3d and 5th churches in the city of Cincinnati. This overture was read, and so much of it as relates to the subject of missions was referred to the committee already appointed on the subject of missions in the West. Two other items in the memorial; viz., on the subject of temperance, and on a sermon, on *The Way of Salvation*, were indefinitely postponed.

The committee on the report of the Board of Missions made a report, which was read and re-committed to the same committee.

Mr. Hunter had leave of absence.

Adjourned till Monday morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Monday morning, May 30th, 9 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and was constituted with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The committee on milage reported that the number of miles to Philadelphia,

travelled by the commissioners who wish to draw from the commissioners' fund is 44,721; that the commissioners' fund this year, as reported by the Treasurer is $2,109 29, which affords four cents and seven mills per mile. Your committee have divided the fund among the commissioners, according to their respective milage, as appears by the annexed detailed statement; and there is left a balance in the hands of the Treasurer of $7 56 in favour of this fund. This report was adopted.

Resolved, That the trustees of the General Assembly be, and they hereby are directed to issue a warrant for the payment of $2,109 29 to the commissioners, agreeably to the report of the committee on milage.

The Assembly proceeded to an election of directors of the Theological Seminary at Princeton. The ballots were taken and committed to Mr. Mahan, Mr. Little, and Mr. Rennie to count them, and report to the Assembly.

A fourth item of Overture No. 18, viz. On the subject of correspondence with foreign churches was taken up, and indefinitely postponed.

The Board of Education presented their annual report, which was read and accepted, and committed to Mr. Aiken, Mr. W. S. White, Mr. Jones, Mr. Newton, and Dr. De St. Croix.

Dr. Chamberlain, Mr. Frost, Mr. Turner, Mr. Calvert, Mr. Chase, Dr. Herron, Mr. Bevan, Mr. McMullin and Dr. Woodhull were appointed a committee to take into consideration the present organization of the Board of Education, and report whether any, and if any, what alterations may profitably be made in the same.

The committee appointed to count the votes for directors of the Theological Seminary at Princeton reported: when it appeared that the following persons are duly elected directors for three years, viz:

Ministers—Thomas McAuley, D. D., Joseph Sanford, Ezra Fisk, D. D., John T. Clark, Gardiner Spring, D. D., Robert McCartee, William Latta.

Elders—John T. Woodhull, Zechariah Lewis, Hugh Auchincloss.

The committee on Overture No. 6, viz. "A memorial on the subject of Foreign Missions," made a report, which being read and amended was adopted, and is as follows, viz.

Resolved, That a committee of three be elected to attend the next annual meeting of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, and confer with that body in respect to measures to be adopted for enlisting the energies of the Presbyterian Church more extensively in the cause of missions to the Heathen; and that said committee report the results of this conference, and their views on the whole subject to the next General Assembly.

Resolved, That it be the order of the day for to-morrow morning, to elect this committee by ballot. Nominations were made for members of this committee.

The Stated Clerk reported that since his last report he has distributed to James Temple a colored man, who is studying with a view to the ministry, one copy of the Confession of Faith, &c.; to Mr. Musgrave, to be distributed in Maryland, 12 copies; to the Synod of Ulster, Ireland, 1 copy; and to the Rev. Mr. Sprole 24 copies, to be distributed in the State of Illinois; and that the fund arising from the sale of the Confession of Faith, will allow of no further distribution at present. This report was accepted.

The committee to whom were referred the several overtures on the subject of domestic missions made a report, which was read and accepted.

Mr. Buck had leave of absence.

Adjourned till this afternoon at 4 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Monday, 4 o'clock, P. M.

The Assembly met, and was constituted with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The Stated Clerk reported that agreeably to order, he had secured the copyright of the Book of Psalms and Hymns, approved by the last General Assembly, and that he now holds the legal evidence of the same, for the use of the Assembly. This report was accepted.

The consideration of the report of the committee on the subject of domestic missions, was postponed until to-morrow morning.

The committee appointed to examine the records of the Synod of Mississippi and South Alabama, reported that the records had not been put into their hands. The committee was discharged.

The committee to whom was referred the whole case in relation to the Rev. Albert Barnes, made a report, which being read was adopted, and is as follows, viz:

That after bestowing upon the case the most deliberate and serious consideration, the committee are of the opinion that it is neither necessary, nor for edification, to go into the discussion of all the various and minute details which are comprehended in the documents relating to this case. For the purpose, however, of bringing the matter in controversy, as far as possible, to a regular and satisfactory issue, they would recommend to the Assembly the adoption of the following resolutions, viz:

1. *Resolved*, That the General Assembly, while it appreciates the conscientious zeal for the purity of the Church, by which the Presbytery of Philadelphia is believed to have been actuated in its proceedings in the case of Mr. Barnes; and while it judges that the sermon by Mr. Barnes, entitled "The way of salvation," contains a number of unguarded and objectionable passages; yet is of the opinion, that, especially after the explanations which were given by him of those passages, the Presbytery ought to have suffered the whole to pass without further notice.

2. *Resolved*, That in the judgment of this Assembly, the Presbytery of Philadelphia ought to suspend all further proceedings in the case of Mr. Barnes.

3. *Resolved*, That it will be expedient, as soon as the regular steps can be taken, to divide the Presbytery in such way, as will be best calculated to promote the peace of the ministers and churches belonging to the Presbytery.

With respect to the abstract points proposed to the Assembly for their decision in the Reference of the Presbytery, the committee are of the opinion that if they be answered, they had better be discussed and decided *in thesi*, separate from the case of Mr. Barnes.

The judicial committee reported that the other complaints and the reference in relation to the case of Mr. Barnes, they considered as merged in the report just adopted. This report was accepted.

The Assembly having finished the business in relation to Mr. Barnes, united in special prayer, returning thanks to God for the harmonious result to which they have come; and imploring the blessing of God on their decision.

The Judicial Committee reported a complaint and protest of the minority against the decision of the majority of the Session of the First Presbyterian Church of the city of New Orleans, as in order; and recommended an order to be pursued in taking up this business. This report was accepted and put on the docket.

The Judicial Committee also reported a complaint from the minority of the Synod of Kentucky, against the decision of the majority, in the case of Mr. Benedict H. Hobbs, as in order; and recommended an order to be pursued in taking up this business. This report was accepted and put on the docket.

The committee to whom was committed overture No. 8, viz: "a request from the Presbytery of West Lexington, that the constitutional measures may be taken to have the representation to the Assembly diminished," made a report, which was read and put on the docket.

The committee to whom was referred the report of the Board of Education reported, that the report be approved and published under the direction of the Board. This report was adopted.

The delegate to the last General Association of New Hampshire, and the General Convention of Vermont, made a report, which was accepted.

The committee on statistical reports made a report, which was read and accepted.

Mr. Kerr, Mr. House, and Mr. Koontz, had leave of absence.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Tuesday morning, May 31, 9 *o'clock.*

The Assembly met, and was constituted with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The Assembly proceeded to the election of a committee to meet with the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, agreeably to a resolution of yesterday. The ballots were taken and committed to Mr. Henry, Mr. Shaw, and Mr. M'Iver, to count them and report the result to the Assembly.

The Board of Directors of the Western Theological Seminary made their annual report, which was accepted, and committed to Dr. Fisk, Mr. Calvert, and Mr. Bevan.

Nominations were made to fill the vacancies in the Board of Directors of the Western Theological Seminary.

The annual report of the Union Theological Seminary was received, read, and approved, and ordered to be printed in the appendix to the minutes.

The committee to whom were committed the ballots for the committee to meet with the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, made a report, when it appeared that the following persons were duly elected, viz: Rev. Dr. John M'Dowell, Rev. Dr. Thomas M'Auley, and Rev. Dr. James Richards; and that Rev. Dr. Archibald Alexander is elected alternate to Dr. M'Dowell; Rev. John Breckinridge to Dr. M'Auley; and Rev. Elisha P. Swift to Dr. Richards.

The report of the committee on the subject of missions in the West was taken up, when a motion was made indefinitely to postpone the report. This motion was discussed at considerable length.

Mr. Clisbe, Mr. Warner, Mr. Wilson, and Mr. Butts, had leave of absence.

Adjourned till this afternoon at 4 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Tuesday, 4 *o'clock, P. M.*

The Assembly met, and was constituted with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The committee to whom was recommitted the report of the Board of Missions reported again. Their report was discussed at considerable length.

Mr. Sweetland, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Tuston, Mr. Harrison, Mr. J. B. Hall, had leave of absence.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Wednesday morning, June 1*st,* 9 *o'clock.*

The Assembly met, and was constituted with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

Mr. Bailey had leave of absence.

The committee of overtures reported overture No. 19, viz: a proposition from James Spencer, Esq., of Philadelphia, to present to the Assembly a tract of 225 acres of land in Bucks County, Pennsylvania, for the establishment of a Manual Labour Institution for young men designed for the gospel ministry.

This overture was read and committed to Dr. Martin, Mr. Aiken, Mr. Bronson, Mr. K. Taylor, and Mr. W. P. Platt.

The committee appointed to take into consideration the present organization of the Board of Education, and report on the expediency of making any alterations in it, reported that in the opinion of the committee it is inexpedient to make any alterations in the organization of the Board at present, further than the alteration of the 2d Article of the Constitution, to read thus:—

"The Board shall consist of sixty-seven members, elected by the General Assembly, of whom thirty-two shall be ministers, and thirty-five other male communicating members of the Presbyterian Church; one minister and one layman to be chosen from each Synod, &c."

This report was adopted.

Nominations were made to fill the vacancies in the Board of Education, and for the additional members proposed by the committee.

Resolved, That the election be the order of the day for this afternoon.

The Assembly proceeded to the election of Directors for the Western Theological Seminary, when it appeared that the following Directors are elected for three years, viz:—

Ministers—Rev. Joseph Stockton, Samuel Tait, Robert G. Wilson, D. D., James Graham, Andrew O. Paterson, Thomas D. Baird, James Wright.

Elders—Mr. Aaron Kerr, Thomas Henry, John Reynolds.

The Assembly resumed the consideration of the report of the committee on the report of the Board of Missions; when it was resolved, that with the suggestions made by the committee for the consideration of the Board of Missions the report be returned to the Board for their disposal.

A motion was made that in conformity to usage, or to the course pursued last year, a committee of nomination be appointed to nominate persons to constitute the Board of Missions for the ensuing year. A motion was then made to postpone this motion, with a view to take up the following, viz. Resolved, that the present Board of Missions be re-appointed. After considerable discussion the vote was taken, and the yeas and nays being called for, the vote stood as follows, viz:

YEAS.—Ananias Platt, Abel Cadwell, Samuel Robertson, Ezra Fisk, Jonathan Dickerson, Jacob Green, Gardiner Spring, James V. Henry, Robert Mc Cartee, Hugh Auchincloss, William W. Vermilye, William D. Snodgrass, Samuel Boyd, David Nichols, Samuel Miller, George S. Woodhull, Joseph H. Jones, John T. Woodhull, Jacob R. Castner, John Gray, Benjamin McDowell, Thomas McKeen, Parly Coburn, Ashbel Green, Joshua T. Russell, William Latta, Alexander Boyd, John McMullen, William Nassau, Henry McKeen, Matthew L Bevan, Samuel Martin, Robert White, Thomas Love, Robert Clark, James Ralston, Cornelius H. Mustard, George W. Musgrave, Maxwell McDowell, David McConaughy, John Moody, James Buchanan, John Hutchinson, John Kennedy, John B. Patterson, John H. Grier, William Montgomery, John Coulter, Peter Hassinger, William Nesbitt, Alexander McCandless, John McArthur, Thomas Hunt, William C. Anderson, William Wylie, Elisha P. Swift, Alan D. Campbell, Samuel Swan, Watson Hughes, David Johnston, Jonathan Leslie, Thomas Barr, Samuel D. Blythe, John L. Belville, Samuel J. Miller, Alexander Williamson, James Thompson, William Scott, Thomas Caldwell, John D. Paxton, Samuel Steele, John D. Edgar, Robert J. Breckinridge, Alexander Cooper, Jesse H. Turner, John McIlhenny, John D. Ewing, Thomas Paxton, John Witherspoon, Alexander McIver, Jeremiah Chamberlain, James Elliott, David Humphreys, Samuel K. Talmage, Elizur L. Newton, Thomas Napier, Isaac Hadden.—Yeas 87.

NAYS.—Calvin Cutler, Moses Chase, Horatio Foote, William P. Platt, Abraham D. Brinckerhoff, Elisha Yale, Rufus R. Demming, Jeremiah Wood, Edward N. Kirk, John B. Shaw, Nicholas M. Masters, George S. Boardman, Loring Brewster, Lewis B. Parsons, Lewis H. Loss, Dirck C. Lansing, Samuel

C. Aiken, John Frost, Edward Vernon, Charles Wadsworth, Albert North, John M. Babbit, John B. Fisk, Samuel Parker, Oren Hyde, Samuel W. Brace, Marcus Harrison, James Richards, Aaron Putnam, Chauncey Eddy, Eliakim Phelps, William Todd, Augustus Whitman, David Higgins, Silas Hubbard, Felix Tracy, John Colt, Asa Mahan, Ebenezer Mead, David Acre, John Hood, Miles P. Squier, Erastus J. Gillet, Stephen Austin, William Phillips, Robert G. Armstrong, Asahel Bronson, Peter L. De St. Croix, Sheldon C. D. Raymond, Daniel Beers, William Patton, Absalom Peters, William A. Tomlinson, Knowles Taylor, Asa Hillyer, John Ford, William Tuttle, John McDowell, Lewis Bond, Jonathan Thompson, John Lowry, Salmon King, Daniel Deruelle, William Jessup, John Fassit, John Mines, William Anderson, Pierce Chamberlain, Francis Herron, Joseph A. Pepoon, Clement Tuttle, Alvan Nash, Joseph Treat, Everton Judson, Loren Robbins, Moors Farwell, Isaac W. Ruggles, Chester Birge, Daniel W. Lathrop, John McCrea, Jacob Little, John Spaulding, Joseph B. Miles, David Root, Thomas Cole, John Lowes, Jabez C. Tunis, Calvin Butler, Thomas A. Spilman, Theron Baldwin, Samuel G. Lowry, Cyrus L. Watson, Thomas R. Durfee, William S. Vernon, Abraham J. Skillman, Samuel Y. Garrison, Charles Phillips, David H. Riddle, Jacob D. Mitchell, William S. White, Sumner Mandeville, Thomas Brown, Frederick A. Ross, Stephen Thomas, Samuel W. Calvert, Alfred Wright, Elipha White, John Rennie, John L. Sloane.—Nays 109.

Dr. John Matthews declined voting.

The motion for postponement was declared to be lost.

Adjourned till this afternoon at 4 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Wednesday, 4 o'clock, P. M.

The Assembly met, and was constituted with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The Assembly proceeded agreeably to the order of the day, to elect members of the Board of Education. The ballots were taken and committed to Mr. Blythe, Mr. Hyde, and Mr. H. McKeen, to count them and report the result to the Assembly.

The motion to appoint a committee to nominate persons to constitute the Board of Missions for the ensuing year, was resumed; when it was resolved to appoint such committee. Dr. Hillyer, Mr. Riddle, Mr. Chase, Mr. Bronson, Mr. Garrison, Mr. Jessup, and Mr. W. Anderson were appointed.

The report of the committee on the subject of Missions in the West was resumed. The motion being an indefinite postponement of the same, the subject was discussed for some time.

Mr. J. Ralston, Mr. D. Johnston, and Mr. Proudfit had leave of absence.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Thursday morning, June 2d, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Assembly met, and was constituted with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The committee of overtures reported Overture No. 20, which was read and adopted, and is as follows, viz:

The General Assembly again call the attention of the churches under its care, to the efforts now making to colonize the free blacks of this country on the Western Coast of Africa, and affectionately commend them to their earnest attention and zealous support; and it is particularly recommended to the Presbyterian Churches throughout the United States to take up collections in aid of the American Colonization Society, on or about the fourth of July.

The committees appointed to examine the Records of the Synods of Albany, Virginia, Indiana, Tennessee, West Tennessee, Geneva, Western Reserve,

Genessee, New York, Ohio, and New Jersey, reported respectively, and the records were approved.

The committees appointed to examine the Records of the Synods of South Carolina and Georgia, Pittsburgh, Utica and Cincinnati, reported respectively that the records had not been put into their hands. The committees were discharged.

Dr. Snodgrass reported that he had received for the Assembly, the minutes of the late General Synod of the Associate Reformed Church. *Resolved*, That agreeably to a vote of the late General Synod, these records be deposited with the Session of the Spruce street Church, now the 8th Presbyterian Church in this city.

The committee to whom were referred the votes for members of the Board of Education, reported, when it appeared that the following persons are elected for four years, viz :—

Of the Synod of Albany—*Minister*—Rev. Henry R. Weed. *Layman*—None.

Of the Synod of Geneva—*Minister*—Rev. Eliakim Phelps. *Layman*—None.

Of the Synod of Genessee—*Minister*—Rev. Sylvester Eaton. *Layman*—Mr. Aristarchus Champion.

Of the Synod of Philadelphia—*Ministers*—Rev. Ashbel Green, D. D., Robert Steele, Wm. L. McCalla, Samuel G. Winchester. *Laymen*—Mr. Matthew L. Bevan, John McMullin, Henry McKeen.

Of the Synod of Western Reserve—*Minister*—Rev. Charles B. Storrs. *Layman*—Mr. Zalmon Fitch.

Of the Synod of Indiana—*Minister*—Rev. John Matthews, D. D. *Layman*—Mr. James M. Ray.

Of the Synod of Kentucky—*Minister*—Rev. James Blythe, D. D. *Layman*—Mr. Robert J. Breckinridge.

Of the Synod of North Carolina—*Minister*—Rev. John Witherspoon. *Layman*—None.

Of the Synod of Tennessee—*Minister*—Rev. Alexander Magee. *Layman*—Mr. David Patton.

Of the Synod of West Tennessee—*Minister*—Rev. Obadiah Jennings. *Layman*—Mr. Felix Grundy.

Of the Synod of Mississippi and South Alabama—*Minister*—Rev. George Potts. *Layman*—Mr. John Henderson.

Of the Synod of Illinois—*Minister*—Rev. William J. Frazer. *Layman*—Mr. Thomas Lindsey.

Of the Synod of New Jersey—*Minister*—None. *Layman*—Mr. Thomas McKeen.

Of the Synod of Cincinnati—*Minister*—None. *Layman*—Mr. Henry B. Funk.

Of the Synod of South Carolina—*Minister*—None. *Layman*—Mr. Charles McIntire.

Of the Synod of Pittsburgh—*Minister*—None. *Layman*—Mr. Samuel Thompson.

Mr. Parsons had leave of absence.

The Assembly resumed the report of the Committee on Missions in the West. The motion for indefinite postponement was withdrawn. The report was discussed for some time; when a motion was made to postpone the further consideration of the report, with a view to introduce a substitute. This motion was carried. The substitute was discussed at considerable length.

Adjourned to meet this afternoon at 4 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Thursday, 4 *o'clock*, *P. M.*

The Assembly met, and was constituted with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The committee to whom was referred Overture No. 1, viz. "An overture from the 3d Presbytery of New York on the subject of the Commissioners' fund," reported, and their report being read was put upon the docket.

The committee to whom was referred Overture No. 5, viz., a request from the Presbytery of Newton in relation to a more full report of the several questions of doctrine and discipline which are decided in the General Assembly, made the following report, which was adopted, viz. That they have conferred with the Commissioners of said Presbytery on the subject of the reference to the Assembly, and they have expressed their willingness to withdraw the same; therefore, *Resolved*, That leave be granted to said Commissioners to withdraw said reference.

The following protest was read and ordered to be entered on the minutes, viz.

At the Session of the General Assembly held in Philadelphia in the year 1831, Mr. Clement Tuttle, from the Presbytery of Grand River, was certified to the said General Assembly as a committee man, in one of the churches under the care of said Presbytery, formed according to the plan of accommodation, recommended in the articles of agreement, bearing date in the year 1801, between the General Assembly of the Presbyterian church and the General Association of Connecticut; and was allowed to take his seat, to deliberate and vote, as a regular member of this body. Against which decision, and against the right of the said Clement Tuttle to a seat in said body, we protest.

In the 12th chapter and 2d section of the Form of Church Government it is enacted, "the General Assembly shall consist of an equal delegation of bishops and elders from each Presbytery." Who the persons are that are recognized as bishops within the body of the Presbyterian church is distinctly shown in chap. 4 of the Form of Government. Nor is there the least reason for supposing, nor has any one intimated, that this *committee man* holds his seat here by virtue of the pastoral office.

In chap. 5th of the Form of Government, ruling elders are defined to be "the representatives of the people chosen by them to exercise government and discipline in conjunction with the pastors."

In the 13th chap. of the Form of Government the manner of electing and ordaining ruling elders is prescribed; wherein, it is rendered necessary that the candidate should specifically receive and adopt the Confession of Faith of our church, that he should approve of its government and discipline, that he should accept the office and promise faithfully to perform all its duties, and that he should promise to study the peace, unity and purity of the church.

It is furthermore stated in the 6th section of said chapter, that the office of ruling elder is perpetual; and he who holds it can neither lay it aside at pleasure, nor be divested of it but by deposition.

The nature of some of the duties which the ruling elders take upon themselves at their ordination, is particularly set forth in chap. 9th of the Form of Church Government, from which it appears that the duties there mentioned, cannot be performed except by a church officer coming up completely to the Presbyterian idea of a ruling elder.

All the foregoing qualifications must concur in an individual (if he be not a pastor or bishop,) before he is capable of being *voted for as a commissioner* to the General Assembly. All these concurring, he may be voted for, and if elected, must, before his name is enrolled as a member of this body, produce a commission here, under the hand of the Moderator and clerk of his Presbytery,

asserting upon the face of it, that he is a ruling elder in a particular congregation. See chap. xxii. sec. 2, Form of Government.

Now there is nothing even conducing to prove that the said Clement Tuttle was ever elected or ordained as a ruling elder in the Presbyterian church; that he has ever formally and publicly adopted its Confession of Faith, and approved its discipline and Form of Government;—that he has been elected by any Presbytery a Commissioner to this Assembly in the character of a ruling elder; nor that he bears any commission, certifying any such fact, but on the contrary, the commission he produces, shows clearly that he is not a ruling elder but a "committee man," and that the church to which he belongs can be only in part, and for anything that appears, in very small part, a Presbyterian church.

Wherefore we do solemnly protest against the decision of the General Assembly, allowing the said Clement Tuttle to take his seat in this body as a ruling elder by virtue of his said commission as a "committee man," because that decision is contrary to the plain letter of our church constitution. And we do protest against the right of the said Clement Tuttle to take a seat in this General Assembly as a ruling elder, by virtue of a commission certifying that he holds another name and office, because the neglect and disrepute into which such practices must bring the office of ruling elder are in a high degree fatal to the Presbyterian church.

The articles of agreement alluded to in the beginning of this paper are supposed to give this individual, and all others similarly situated, a seat in this Assembly. That agreement is one altogether anomalous to our Form of Government, and, so far as it does extend, is in derogation of it.

The plainest rules of common sense tell us, that the principles of such instruments shall not be extended beyond the cases to which they are applied in terms, and must be strictly limited by the details contained within themselves.

The rule is, that a body of men when making such an agreement shall not be called on to embrace in a codicil of exceptions every point to which a given rule would apply, and except it by saying—this is not granted away, but on the other hand, having plainly set down what *was meant*—it is very clear that what is not set down, is *not meant*. It is the only rule of sense or safety. This being so, those articles can never cover this case, because they expressly stipulate the church Session and Presbytery, as the church courts to which these "committee men" may have access in the character of ruling elders, and mention no others. As the grant was in derogation of the rights of the eldership, and adverse to the nature of our church government, it is manifestly just such a grant as if valid at all, could only be so within the strict import of its own terms. We do not feel called on to discuss the fact, whether those articles thus interpreted are constitutional or not. If, however, they are so construed as to place members here who are by our constitution forbidden to be here, or as in any degree to affect the principles of the organization of this house as clearly defined in our books, then it is manifest that the articles must be considered utterly null and void.

The constitution cannot be obligatory, and yet something else, which is against and adverse to the constitution, be obligatory also, unless a sense can be found in which the same proposition is both false and true at the same moment, and at every successive moment.

If any one will fix with precision the time when the principles of our Government shall grow into disesteem, there will no longer remain any difficulty in designating the period when every other peculiarity of our church will be viewed with equal aversion.

The preservation of the true principles of Presbyterian policy affords the best external security for the preservation of the true principles of Presbyterian doctrines.

We do therefore consider ourselves to be discharging a high and solemn duty when we thus point to a vital principle in our system of Government, wrested from its original design, and thus enter our protest against an unconstitutional act arising therefrom.

R. J. Breckinridge,
J. T. Edgar,
Samuel Boyd,
John Kennedy,
Wm. C. Anderson,
Maxwell M'Dowell,
Alex. McCandless,
John Hutchinson,
Samuel D. Blythe,
John M'Arthur,
William Scott,
Samuel Steel,
A. H. Campbell,
James Buchanan,
William Latta,
E. P. Swift,
Matthew L. Bevan,
J. Gray,
Alex. Williamson,
John Moody,
John J. M'Cormick,
Alex. Boyd,
Joshua T. Russell,
Ashbel Green,
James Ralston,
Thomas Love,
John L. Belville,
Samuel Murphy,
James V. Henry.
Ananias Platt,
John M'Dowell,
John M'Elhenney,
William Nassau,
John D. Ewing,
Peter Hassinger,
Thomas M'Keen,
Thomas Barr,
Samuel Swan,
Watson Hughes,
Jacob Green,
Henry M'Keen,
James Elliot,
Robert White,
John Coulter,
Alex. M'Iver,
Jacob R. Castner,
John H. Grier,
Robert Clark,
David Humphrey,
R. M'Cartee,
Ezra Fisk,
Hugh Auchincloss,
Jer. Chamberlain,
John Witherspoon,
G. W. Musgrave,
John M'Mullin,
William Nesbit,
Samuel Martin,
Benjamin M'Dowell,
W. D. Snodgrass,
James Thompson,
Thomas Paxton,
William Wylie,
J. D. Paxton,
C. H. Mustard,
John L. Montgomery,
Samuel K. Talmage.

May 30th, 1831.

Mr. Lathrop, Mr. Patton, and Mr. Calvert were appointed a committee on the part of the Assembly, to answer the above protest.

The committee appointed to nominate a Board of Missions made a report, which was accepted. A motion was made to lay it on the table. After considerable discussion, the Assembly united in prayer for divine direction. A motion was then made to postpone the motion to lay the report of the committee of nomination on the table, to take up the substitute for the report of the committee on missions in the West.

Mr. Brinckerhoff, Mr. Ruggles, Mr. Lowes, Mr. Whiteman, Mr. Tracy, Mr. Nichols, Mr. W. Phillips, Mr. Wm. Tuttle, and Dr. De St. Croix, had leave of absence.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Friday morning, June 3d, 9 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and was constituted with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

Mr. S. Boyd and Mr. W. S. Vernon had leave of absence.

The committee to whom was referred the report of the Western Theological Seminary made the following report, which was adopted, viz:

Resolved, That the report be approved and published in the appendix to the minutes of the Assembly.

Resolved, That the sum of $7700 be appropriated for the use of the said Seminary, out of the funds in the hands of the Board of Directors, viz: $2700 towards the salary of the Professor and Teacher in the Seminary, and also $5000 towards the completion of the building.

Resolved, That the Assembly contemplate with deep interest the prosperity and necessities of this Theological Seminary, and recommend to the churches under their care to aid, by their contributions, the Board of Directors in their efforts to complete their building and place the institution on a foundation of permanent usefulness.

The committee on the Records of the Synod of North Carolina reported, that the Records have not been put into their hands. The committee were discharged.

The report of the committee to whom was referred the question, "whether baptism by a Popish priest ought to be considered as valid," was taken up, when it was resolved to refer said report to the consideration of the next General Assembly.

The Assembly proceeded to the unfinished business of yesterday afternoon. The motion to postpone the motion to lay the report of the committee of nomination of a Board of Missions on the table, in order to take up the substitute for the report of the committee on missions in the West, was decided in the affirmative. This substitute, and the report of the committee of nominations, were committed to Mr. Ross, Mr. Peters, Mr. Jessup, Dr. Green, Dr. Spring, and Mr. Breckinridge.

Dr. Woodhull had leave of absence.

The report of the committee on Overture No. 8, viz. a request from the Presbytery of West Lexington, to have the number of commissioners to the General Assembly reduced, was taken up, and after some discussion was indefinitely postponed.

The committee of Compromise, to whom was referred the substitute for the report of the committee on missions in the West, and the report of the committee of nomination of a Board of Missions, made a report, which was read, and discussed for some time, when the Assembly adjourned till this afternoon at 4 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Friday, 4 o'clock, P. M.

The Assembly met and was opened with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The consideration of the report of the committee of compromise was resumed, and after some discussion said report was adopted, and is as follows, viz:

1. In view of existing evils resulting from the separate action of the Board of Missions of the General Assembly, and the American Home Missionary Society, the General Assembly recommend to the Synods of Ohio, Cincinnati, Kentucky, Tennessee, West Tennessee, Indiana, and Illinois, and the Presbyteries connected with the same, to correspond with each other, and endeavour to agree upon some plan of conducting domestic missions in the Western States, and report the result of their correspondence to the next General Assembly: it being understood that the brethren of the West be left to their freedom to form any organization which in their judgment may best promote the cause of missions in these States, and also that all the Synods and Presbyteries in the valley of the Mississippi may be embraced in this correspondence provided they desire it.

2. *Resolved* by this Assembly that the present Board of Missions be re-appointed.

The committee appointed to prepare a narrative of the state of religion, brought in a report, which was read, adopted, and ordered to be printed in the appendix to the minutes.

The following persons, viz. Dr. Thomas M'Auley, Mr. George W. Blight, Rev. James Patterson, Dr. John M'Dowell, Dr. Thomas H. Skinner, Rev. Albert Barnes, and Mr. James Moore, members of the Board of Missions, handed

in written communications, tendering the resignation of their seats as members of said Board, with their reasons for the same. Mr. James Kerr also resigned his seat as a member of the Board. These resignations were accepted.

The committee to whom was referred Overture No. 19, viz. "A proposition from James Spencer, Esq., of Philadelphia, to present to the Assembly a tract of 225 acres of land in Bucks County, Pennsylvania, for the establishment of a Manual Labour Institution for young men designed for the gospel ministry, made the following report, which was adopted, viz.

1. *Resolved*, That the Permanent Clerk communicate the thanks of this Assembly to Mr. Spencer for his benevolent offer.

2. *Resolved*, That the proposal of Mr. Spencer be referred to the Trustees of the General Assembly, to take such order in the case as they may deem expedient, and report their proceedings to the next General Assembly.

Overture No. 12, viz. on the right of members of standing committees to be members of the General Assembly, was taken up and was discussed at some length.

Mr. B. McDowell, Mr. Higgins, Mr. Beers, Mr. Z. Green, Mr. Armstrong, Mr. Clark, Mr. Auchincloss, Mr. Jonathan Thompson, Mr. Gray, Mr. Bronson, Mr. Witherspoon, Mr. Steele, Mr. E. Vernon, Mr. Putnam, Mr. Aiken, Mr. McCormick, Mr. C. Butler, Mr. Loss, Mr. Deruelle, Mr. Coburn, Mr. King, Mr. Mahan, Mr. Wood, Mr. Fish, Mr. Masters, Mr. Boardman, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Brewster, Mr. Todd, Mr. Meade, Mr. J. Lowrie and Mr. W. S. White, obtained leave of absence.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning, at 8½ o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Saturday morning, June 4th, 8½ o'clock.

The assembly met and was constituted with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

Mr. W. P. Platt, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Acre, Dr. Richards and Mr. Harrison, obtained leave of absence.

The committee appointed to answer the protest against the admission of Mr. Clement Tuttle, a standing committee man, as a member of the house, made a report, which after some discussion was re-committed to the same committee.

Dr. Miller had leave of absence.

The consideration of Overture No. 12, viz. on the right of members of standing committees to be members of the General Assembly was resumed. After considerable discussion the overture was adopted, and is as follows, viz.

Resolved, That in the opinion of the General Assembly, the appointment by some Presbyteries, as has occurred in a few cases, of members of standing committees to be members of the General Assembly, is inexpedient, and of questionable constitutionality, and therefore ought not in future to be made.

The yeas and nays on this resolution were taken, and required to be recorded, and are as follows, viz:

YEAS.—Elisha Yale, Rufus R. Demming, Ananias Platt, Samuel Robertson, Ezra Fisk, Jonathan Dickerson, Jacob Green, Gardiner Spring, James V. Henry, Robert McCartee, William Vermilye, William D. Snodgrass, John McDowell, George S. Woodhull, Jacob R. Castner, Thomas McKeen, Ashbel Green, Joshua T. Russell, William Latta, Alexander Boyd, John McMullen, William Nassau, Henry McKeen, Matthew L. Bevan, Samuel Martin, Robert White, Thomas Love, Cornelius H. Mustard, George W. Musgrave, Maxwell McDowell, John Mines, David McConaughy, John Moody, James Buchanan, John Hutchinson, John Kennedy, John Peebles, John B. Patterson, John H. Grier, Wm. Montgomery, John Coulter, Peter Hassinger, David Derrickson, Wm. Nesbitt, Alex. McCandless, John McArthur, Thomas Hunt, William C. Anderson, Wm. Wylie, Francis Herron, Elisha P. Swift, Alan D. Campbell,

Samuel Swan, Watson Hughes, Thomas Barr, Samuel D. Blythe, John L. Belville, Samuel J. Miller, Alexander Williamson, John Matthews, James Thompson, William Scott, Thomas Caldwell, John D. Paxton, John T. Edgar, Robert J. Breckinridge, David H. Riddle, Jesse H. Turner, John McIlhenny, John D. Ewing, Thomas Paxton, Alexander McIver, Jeremiah Chamberlain, John L. Montgomery, James Elliott, David Humphrey, Samuel K. Talmage, Elizur L. Newton, Thomas Napier, Isaac Hadden, Samuel G. Lowry.—Yeas 81.

NAYS—Calvin Cutler, Moses Chase, Horatio Foote, William P. Platt, John B. Shaw, Solon Massey, Albert North, John M. Babbitt, Samuel W. Brace, Eliakim Phelps, Chauncey Eddy, Silas Hubbard, John Colt, David Acre, John Hood, Miles P. Squier, Erastus J. Gillet, Stephen Austin, Sheldon C. D. Raymond, William Patton, Absalom Peters, William A. Tomlinson, Asa Hillyer, John Ford, William Jessup, John Fassit, Joseph A. Pepoon, Alvin Nash, Joseph Treat, Loren Robbins, Everton Judson, Moors Farwell, Chester Birge, Daniel W. Lathrop, John McCrea, Jacob Little, John Spaulding, Joseph B. Miles, David Root, Thomas Cole, Thomas A. Spilman, Cyrus L. Watson, Thomas R. Durfee, Abraham T. Skillman, Samuel Y. Garrison, Charles Phillips, Sumner Mandeville, Thomas Brown, Frederick A. Ross, Stephen Thomas, Samuel W. Calvert, Alfred Wright, Elipha White, John Rennie, John L. Sloane. —Nays 54.

The chairman of the committee on overture No. 7, viz: "a resolution of the Synod of Tennessee on the place of meeting of the General Assembly," stated to the Assembly that owing to the press of business the committee had not had a meeting. The committee were discharged.

Adjourned till 4 o'clock, this afternoon. Concluded with prayer.

Saturday, 4 *o'clock*, *P. M.*

The Assembly met, and was constituted with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The Judicial Committee reported on the paper purporting to be a complaint of a minority of the Synod of Kentucky, against the proceedings of said Synod in the case of Dr. A. Smith, and recommended that the paper be returned for want of evidence of the complaint itself. This report was adopted.

The Judicial Committee also made a statement in the case of the Rev. Horace Belknap, and recommended the adoption of the following resolutions, which were adopted accordingly, viz :—

Resolved, 1. That in the opinion of this Assembly the resolution of the last General Assembly in answer to overture No. 2, does not apply to the case of the Rev. Horace Belknap as referred by the Presbytery of Harmony.

2. That in the opinion of this Assembly, the Presbyteries both of Harmony and Steubenville appear to have misconceived the directions as laid down in chapter v. sections 3d and 4th of the Book of Discipline; inasmuch as those rules do not transfer jurisdiction from a Presbytery to which a minister belongs, to the one within whose bounds he resides, so as to authorize the latter Presbytery to try such minister; but only to examine witnesses in the case, and transmit an authentic record of the testimony to the Presbytery which made the application. Therefore,

Resolved, 3. That the Presbytery of Harmony is at liberty to pursue such a course in the case of Mr. Belknap as the circumstances of the case and the good of religion shall in their opinion require.

The Assembly took up the complaint and protest of the minority against the decision of the majority of the Session of the First Presbyterian Church of the city of New Orleans.

Dr. Spring was appointed counsel for the complainants.

The Moderator, agreeably to a standing rule, announced to the Assembly,

that they were about to pass to the consideration of the business assigned for trial, and enjoined on the members to recollect and regard their high character as judges of a court of Jesus Christ, and the solemn duty in which they were about to act.

The proceedings of the Session complained of, and the decision protested against, the complaint and protest, the request of the Session accompanying the complaint, and the proceedings of the Presbytery in the case, were read.

Dr. Spring was then heard on the part of the complainants.

After some remarks by members of the Assembly the case was committed to Dr. Spring, Dr. Fisk, and Mr. Ross, to bring in a minute on the subject.

The committee appointed to examine the Records of the Synod of Philadelphia made a report, when, on account of some resolutions in said records, involving constitutional principles not yet decided by the General Assembly, the committee was discharged.

The committee to whom was referred the complaint of the minority of the Session of the First Presbyterian Church in New Orleans reported the following minute, which was adopted, viz:—

Resolved, That since the Rev. Theodore Clapp has neither been dismissed nor suspended by the Presbytery of Mississippi, he ought to be regarded as a member of that Body. And that in the opinion of this Assembly they have sufficient reasons for proceeding to try him upon the charge of error in doctrine.

Resolved, That as Mr. Clapp was merely a stated supply of the church in New Orleans, the Presbytery of Mississippi had a right, and it was their duty under existing circumstances to adopt measures to detach him from said congregation.

Mr. Pierpont, Mr. Hyde, Mr. Judson, Mr. Wadsworth, Mr. Jessup, Mr. Yale, Dr. Matthews, Mr. R. White, Mr. Edgar, Mr. North, Mr. Wylie, Mr. Squier, Mr. Latta, Mr. Belville, Mr. Miller, Mr. Ewing, Mr. McElhenny, Mr. T. Paxton, Mr. Birge, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Baldwin, Mr. Fassit, Mr. Swan, Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Cutler, Mr. Moodey, Mr. Treat, Mr. Farwell, Mr. Chase, Mr. Swift, Mr. Nesbit, and Mr. Robertson had leave of absence.

Adjourned till Monday morning, at half-past 8 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Monday morning, June 6th, half-past 8 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and was constituted with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The following protest was read and ordered to be entered on the minutes.

PROTEST of some of the Minority of the General Assembly, against a resolution of the Assembly, tending to restrict Presbyteries in the exercise of their right to send a member of a Standing Committee to the General Assembly.

It appears from the Digest, page 292, that in 1790, only two years after its constitution, the General Assembly adopted measures to form "a plan of *union* and *correspondence* with the General Association of Connecticut." This "Union" appears to have been formed upon the principle of tolerance which has always characterized the Presbyterian Church; and it was consummated in 1794 by the appointment of delegates to the two bodies respectively, to whom was given the right of deliberating and voting.

In 1801, this plan of union was still further extended, (see Digest, page 297,) and "*a plan of union between Presbyterians and Congregationalists in the new settlements*" was agreed upon; which was also called "*a plan of government for the churches in the new settlements.*" This plan consisted of a number of regulations of a most liberal character, in which Presbyterians and Congregationalists were harmoniously united in the same Church. The churches founded upon this mixed plan were allowed to exercise discipline by a *Standing Committee*, which was virtually but another name for eldership. And in one of the articles of agreement it was provided, that should the said "Standing Committee of any church, depute one of themselves to attend the Presby-

tery, he may have *the same right to sit and act in the Presbytery as a Ruling Elder of the Presbyterian Church.*" When we consider the nature of this agreement, its principles and objects, that it granted reciprocal rights and privileges, we cannot for a moment doubt, that it was intended to give to such member of a standing committee, *all* the Presbyterial rights of every other lay member of Presbytery. What in common language would be understood as the Presbyterial rights of a ruling Elder, but "to sit and act" in Presbytery? This phrase would be considered as including *all* Presbyterial rights unless some exception was made, and one of these rights is eligibility to the General Assembly. This would be evidently according to the very spirit of the compact. And whatever other view might be taken of it, this, and this alone, is the plain, natural common sense construction of the terms of the agreement.

The principle which admits a member of a standing committee to a seat in the Presbytery, in its extension of course admits to the General Assembly. And the infraction of the constitution is no greater in the one case than in the other, for the constitution in its *letter* admits *Elders* only, either to Presbytery or Assembly.

This plan of union was deemed of so great importance, that it was ordered to be printed, and copies delivered to the missionaries who might be sent by the Assembly among the people concerned. (See Digest, page 299.) In pursuance of this plan very many churches have been formed, and which have always been returned and represented to the Assembly as Presbyterian churches, and have thus been constituted an integral part "*of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America,*" and have from time to time been represented in the General Assembly, by standing committee men, in place of Elders.

The compact in question appears by the Digest to have been a *conventional agreement,* or treaty made by two parties, independent of each other, for mutual benefit, and a desire to advance unitedly the cause of religion. When one of the parties becomes dissatisfied, in what mode shall it obtain redress? Certainly not by breaking the treaty, without notice to the other; but by a proposition for an alteration. And this course the Assembly did pursue three years ago in a parallel case before alluded to, by proposing to the General Association of Connecticut, that the right of Delegates to *vote* should be withdrawn, which was acceded to by that body. And such in the opinion of the protestants, should have been the course in the present case.

We also further protest against said resolution, because it was adopted after the Assembly had been in session more than two weeks, and when nearly one-third of the members had returned home, and those chiefly residing at a distance, and most interested in this question: and also because this Assembly on the first day of its session, when full, did by a large majority decide this question by admitting a member of a standing committee to a seat in this House: and the protestants have therefore, as they think, good reason to believe, that had the question been taken at an earlier day of the session, there would have been a majority against it.

Wm. A. Tomlinson,
D. C. Lansing,
E. White,
S. A. Pepoon,
Thomas R. Durfee,
Samuel W. Brace,
Erastus J. Gillet,
Alvan Nash,
Frederick A Ross,
Loren Robbins,
Daniel W. Lathrop,
C. Eddy,
Samuel Y. Garrison,
Horatio Foote,
Charles Phillips,
Thomas Brown,
Sumner Mandeville,
Silas Hubbard,
Asa Hillyer,
Theron Baldwin,
Chester Birge,
John M'Crea,
H. B. Pierpont,
E. Judson,
John Rennie,
David Root,
Jacob Little,
Moses Chase,
Jacob Treat,
J. M. Babbit,
Thomas Cole,

Philadelphia, June 3d, 1831.

The report of the committee on Overture No. 1, viz. an overture from the Presbytery of New York, on the subject of the commissioners' fund, was taken up and indefinitely postponed.

The report of the committee on Statistical Reports was taken up, and indefinitely postponed.

Whereas, only a few of the Presbyteries have reported collections for the incidental expenses of the Assembly; and whereas the Assembly were obliged last year to direct their trustees to borrow a sum to pay up arrears, and meet the current expenses of the year, both amounting to $2400; and whereas, the Assembly have not the means of printing the minutes of the present year, and meeting all the other incidental expenses, without further borrowing, and thus increasing the debt,

Therefore *Resolved*, That it be earnestly enjoined upon the Presbyteries to attend to the resolutions of the last Assembly, found in page 31, of the printed minutes of 1830, and be careful to see that their congregations make the collection there recommended.

The committee appointed to examine the Records of the Synod of Kentucky, having left the Assembly, Mr. Boyd, Mr. Barr, and Mr. H. M'Keen, were appointed a committee on these records.

The following accounts were presented, viz:

For Stationery, - - - - - -	$7 12
To Permanent Clerk for services, - - - -	45 00
To Janitor for attendance, &c., - - - - -	56 25
For covering the street by the church with tan and removing the same	17 25
Amount,	$125 62

The Permanent Clerk was directed to settle the above account of $125 62 by a draught on the Treasurer of the Trustees of the General Assembly, for the payment of which the trustees are hereby directed to issue their warrant.

The Assembly took up the complaint of the minority of the Synod of Kentucky, against a decision of the majority of said Synod, in the case of Mr. Benedict H. Hobbs.

The Moderator, agreeably to a standing rule, announced to the Assembly that they were about to pass to the consideration of the business assigned for trial, and enjoined on the members to recollect and regard their high character as judges of a court of Jesus Christ, and the solemn duty in which they are about to act.

The decision complained of, the complaint, and the proceedings of the several Judicatories in the case were read. The complainants were then heard: no persons appeared on the part of the Synod.

After due consideration, the following resolution was adopted, viz. That the complaint be, and it is hereby sustained, and the judgment of the Synod is reversed.

The committee appointed to examine the records of the Synod of Kentucky reported, and the records were approved.

The committee appointed to answer the letter of the Rev. Colany Nee reported, that they had not been able to prepare such a letter. Resolved, that this business be committed to the Stated Clerk, and that he be instructed to answer said letter in behalf of the Assembly, and transmit it to Mr. Nee.

Resolved, That the Trustees of the General Assembly be requested to borrow a sum of money sufficient to meet the contingent expenses of the current year.

Resolved, That the Assembly will make no election for the present year of

Trustees of the General Assembly, nor of Trustees of the Theological Seminary at Princeton.

The committee appointed to answer the protest against the admission of Mr. Clement Tuttle, a committee man, as a member of this Assembly, brought in a report, which was adopted, and is as follows, viz:—

The committee appointed to prepare a reply to the Protest of R. J. Breckinridge and other members of this Assembly, against the decision of the Assembly, allowing Clement Tuttle, a Commissioner from the Presbytery of Grand River, a seat in this Assembly, "and against the right of the said Clement Tuttle to a seat in said body," respectfully report the following, viz:—

1st. That while it is not denied that there is an appearance of departure from the *letter* of the Constitution, in admitting to a seat in the General Assembly, "a Lay Commissioner delegated by another name than Ruling Elder," yet it is believed that the *spirit* of the Constitution is *not* violated; because the definition of "Ruling Elder," which is correctly recited by the protestants from the Form of Government, chapter 5, describes exactly the character of the Standing Committee contemplated in the Articles of Agreement to which the protestants refer. The deficiency in this case is therefore apparently rather in the *name* than in the *nature* of the delegation from Presbytery to the Assembly.

2d. To have refused a seat in this house to a Commissioner regularly delegated by his Presbytery on the ground of the "Articles of Agreement" above named, would have been to violate a solemn Compact or Treaty formed in the year 1801, between the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church and the General Association of Connecticut; as that instrument has been construed and acted on by the Assembly during the last ten years. To refuse such Commissioners a seat would also be to wrest from this Presbytery a constitutional right to a representation in the Assembly, inasmuch as the practice of the Assembly for the last ten years afforded a full warrant to Presbyteries to expect that a representative of this character would be received as a member.

3d. The conventional Agreement or Treaty above referred to, expressly provides (see Digest, pp. 298 and 299) that Laymen of the character there contemplated shall be admitted to the Presbyteries on an equality with Elders. If, therefore, there is in connection with this subject an infraction of the Constitution, it is in *the Treaty itself, and the only proper remedy for the supposed evil would be found in a regular proceeding to amend or annul the said treaty.* For while agreeably to the terms of the treaty, Laymen of this description are admitted, as elders, to the Presbyteries, the source of original power, it must be competent to the Presbyteries to delegate them in the same relation to the Assembly, possessing only limited powers, and those delegated by the Presbyteries. Again, the apparent departure from the *letter* of the Constitution is no greater in the admission of such *Laymen* to the Assembly than in the parallel *clerical* delegation from Presbyteries, of Presidents of Colleges, Theological Professors and others—when no apprehension is expressed that the *spirit* of that instrument is violated. The justice of this last position the committee think will appear to any person who will substitute the name of a Minister without Pastoral charge in place of "Clement Tuttle," and the term "Bishop" in place of "Ruling Elder" in most instances where they occur in the protest to which this is a reply, and who will remember as he reads, that the term Bishop is synonymous with *Pastor* throughout our Form of Government.

DANL. W. LATHROP,
WILLIAM PATTON,
SAML. W. CALVERT,
} *Committee of Assembly.*

No report was received from the Trustees of the General Assembly in relation to a full and distinct statement of the funds belonging to the Assembly. Resolved, that it be and it hereby is *earnestly* enjoined on the trustees of the General Assembly to report to the next General Assembly a full and distinct statement of all the funds belonging to the Assembly, so that each fund shall appear by itself, agreeably to the resolutions of the last Assembly, found on page 31 of the minutes of 1830.

Resolved, That Mr. Matthew L. Bevan, Mr. Furman Leaming, and Mr. James Schott, be a committee to confer with the Trustees on this subject, and to audit their accounts, and that they may be authorized to employ an accountant, if they deem it necessary.

The Assembly having completed its business, the roll was called agreeably to a standing rule.

Resolved, That this Assembly be dissolved, and that another Assembly chosen in the same manner be required to meet in the First Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia, on the third Thursday in May, 1832, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

Concluded with prayer, singing, and the Apostolic benediction.

STATISTICAL REPORT.

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, on the first of June, A. D. 1831, had under its care twenty Synods, viz:

1. The Synod of Albany, containing the Presbyteries of 1. Londonderry, 2. Newburyport, 3. Champlain, 4. Troy, 5. Albany, 6. Columbia.

II. The Synod of Utica, containing the Presbyteries of 1. St. Lawrence, 2. Watertown, 3. Oswego, 4. Oneida, 5. Otsego.

III. The Synod of New York, containing the Presbyteries of 1. Hudson, 2. North River, 3. Bedford, 4. Long Island, 5. New York, 6. New York Second, 7. New York Third.

IV. The Synod of New Jersey, containing the Presbyteries of 1. Newark, 2. Elizabethtown, 3. New Brunswick, 4. Newton, 5. Susquehanna.

V. The Synod of Geneva, containing the Presbyteries of 1. Chenango, 2. Cortland, 3. Onondaga, 4. Cayuga, 5. Tioga, 6. Geneva, 7. Bath, 8. Angelica.

VI. The Synod of Genessee, containing the Presbyteries of 1. Ontario, 2. Rochester, 3. Genessee, 4. Niagara, 5. Buffalo.

VII. The Synod of Philadelphia, containing the Presbyteries of 1. Philadelphia, 2. New Castle, 3. Lewes, 4. Baltimore, 5. The District of Columbia, 6. Carlisle, 7. Huntingdon, 8. Northumberland.

VIII. The Synod of Pittsburgh, containing the Presbyteries of 1. Allegheny, 2. Erie, 3. Hartford, 4. Redstone, 5. Steubenville, 6. Washington, 7. Ohio, 8. Blairsville.

IX. The Synod of the Western Reserve, containing the Presbyteries of 1. Detroit, 2. Grand River, 3. Portage, 4. Huron, 5. Trumbull.

X. The Synod of Ohio, containing the Presbyteries of 1. Columbus, 2. Richland, 3. Lancaster, 4. Athens, 5. Cleaveland.

XI. The Synod of Cincinnati, containing the Presbyteries of 1. Chillicothe, 2. Miami, 3. Cincinnati, 4. Oxford.

XII. The Synod of Indiana, containing the Presbyteries of 1. Salem, 2. Madison, 3. Vincennes, 4. Crawfordsville, 5. Indianapolis.

XIII. The Synod of Illinois, containing the Presbyteries of 1. Illinois, 2. Kaskaskia, 3. Sangamon, 4. Missouri.

XIV. The Synod of Kentucky, containing the Presbyteries of 1. Louisville, 2. Muhlenberg, 3. Transylvania, 4. West Lexington, 5. Ebenezer.

XV. The Synod of Virginia, containing the Presbyteries of 1. Winchester, 2. East Hanover, 3. West Hanover, 4. Lexington.

XVI. The Synod of North Carolina, containing the Presbyteries of 1. Orange, 2. Fayetteville, 3. Concord.

XVII. The Synod of Tennessee, containing the Presbyteries of 1. Abingdon, 2. Union, 3. Holston, 4. French Broad.

XVIII. The Synod of West Tennessee, containing the Presbyteries of 1. West Tennessee, 2. Shiloh, 3. North Alabama, 4. Western District.

XIX. The Synod of South Carolina and Georgia, containing the Presbyteries of 1. South Carolina, 2. Bethel, 3. Hopewell, 4. Charleston Union, 5. Harmony, 6. Georgia.

XX. The Synod of Mississippi and South Alabama, containing the Presbyteries of 1. Mississippi, 2. South Alabama, and 3. Tombigbee.

SUMMARY VIEW OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, FOR 1831.

PREPARED BY THE STATED CLERK OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

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Londonderry,	15			11	39	23	1459	5	42	47	$117 03	$15 00		$47 00	
Newburyport,	9	8		3	18	1	296				157 45	15 65		128 00	
Champlain,	18		4	15	228		1104	56	120	176	11 58	35 08			
Troy,	22	2		28	286	59	3328	109	94	203	430 31	23 25		544 85	$6 50
Albany,	37	5	16	35	360	89	5625	97	258	355	2681 22	107 49	$116 83	1137 26	
Columbia,	20	4	3	16	139	85	1872	64	139	178		48 00			
St. Lawrence,	10		2	9	20	29	753	8	46	54	167 00	6 00		207 00	
Watertown,	15		4	26	21	16	1932	9	35	44	335 46	34 02		97 86	
Oswego,	9	1		22	68	31	1470	31	89	120	516 48	10 08	13 75	245 13	
Oneida,	37	6	2	38	714	156	4839	251	238	489	3713 62	74 48		1071 36	
Otsego,	7	1	1	15	91	22	1265	34	59	93	719 27	31 00		110 12	3 62
Hudson,	22	3	5	28	65	32	2902	30	107	137		32 18		40 43	26 86
North River,	16	1	7	17	282	32	1763	126	62	188	363 82	27 12	58 25	7 62	
Bedford,	14		1	15	23	12	853	16	23	39	255 65	35 81		200 88	
Long Island,	16		2	15	108	10	1239	33	39	72	124 07		26 00		
New York,	26	8	15	12	378	107	5131	56	126	182	5721 41	204 45	50 00	1012 00	
New York 2d,	9	4		5	64	35	932	8	59	67	1497 51	30 00		392 00	30 00
New York 3d,	15	1	1	11	735	270	2856	152	144	306		116 43			
Newark,	21	6	5	22	91	134	3562	41	174	215	213 43	37 36		715 86	35 36
Elizabethtown,	22	5	4	17	33	43	3112	12	90	102		46 99		104 06	47 00
New Brunswick,	27	13	5	18	155		2055	68	90	158	203 97	65 61	5 00	99 09	12 83
Newton,	19	1	3	31	89	29	2900	16	258	274	225 80	25 08	132 00	98 68	6 03
Susquehanna,	14			30	55	35	1240	10	73	83	253 07	20 34		88 00	2 18
Chenango,	24	2	3	25	248	119	1883	87	98	185	208 28	26 23	10 00	173 00	
Cortland,	12			14	16	14	1456	3	28	31	417 00	8 84	180 00	235 12	
Onondaga,	19	10		27	174	83	2145	81	76	157	523 94	24 50		89 00	
Cayuga,	24	10	3	30	362		2670	125	93	218	772 77	31 72		185 24	
Tioga,	15	2		15	229	76	1509	103	110	213	328 39	34 75	72 51	46 50	
Geneva,	31	1	1	31	463	173	3473	142	329	471	3143 27	72 23	1176 56	939 19	
Bath,	12	2		23	42	35	1152	19	53	72	164 00	20 90		71 50	
Angelica,	8	1		16	12	14	536	4	25	29	17 50	11 77			
Ontario,	17	2		21	160	44	1129	50	68	118	490 17	24 95		132 50	

Rochester,	19		1	19	678	147	2121	247	142	389	$1632 69	$58 07	$128 00	$611 65		
Genessee,	20	1		23	171	52	968	46	148	194	80 95	16 22		227 35		
Niagara,	8	2		13	261	18	630	122	56	178	209 41	20 69	5 00	3 50		
Buffalo,	18	1		34	125		1604	15	73	88	459 00	30 65		237 50		
Philadelphia,	48	10	6	46	324	197	8102	100	249	349	5875 71	86 00	463 00	3817 64		
New Castle,	25	5	5	37	189	2	3398	32	175	207	990 00	19 00		512 00	$10 00	
Lewes,	6	1		16	47	1	594	2	51	53	34 58	11 58	10 00	13 33		
Baltimore,	11	4	3	7	60	25	1127	4	52	56	1039 12			334 80		
District of Columbia,	10	3	4	9	30	33	991	6	57	63	177 00	29 50	85 00	237 25		
Carlisle,	29	5	1	43	239	18	3564	27	224	251	643 23	35 00	65 00	860 47	11 92	
Huntingdon,	14	1	3	32	226	57	3262	27	362	389	632 56	46 00		46 00		
Northumberland,	15	4	4	22	71	6	1782	12	156	168	253 00	36 00		115 00		
Allegheny,	11			32	96	41	2042	12	159	161	6 50	27 32	63 75	39 18	3 74	
Erie,	15	2	1	33	150	65	1969	49	197	246	193 65	35 06		26 06		
Hartford,	13		1	31	90	76	2921	14	242	256	109 27	32 39	140 56	61 50		
Redstone,	13	2	3	23	307	53	2091	87	205	292	181 90	28 15	350 00	190 25		
Steubenville,	14			26	132	71	2228	19	176	195	205 87	30 00	120 60	42 00		
Washington,	20	3	4	23	153	131	2973	39	319	358	606 38	68 73	977 00	519 90	4 50	
Ohio,	26	5	10	26	238	126	2764	36	270	306	508 00	79 93	2341 50	582 96		
Blairsville,	13			23	217	69	3013	25	381	406	143 31	49 20	535 53	30 30		
Detroit,	6			6												
Grand River,	16	1		26	18	34	1285	7	59	66	220 50	13 37		294 00		
Portage,	14	1		21	55	51	1135	13	71	84	248 92	15 12		217 86		
Huron,	15			14	93	69	467	28	57	85	98 86	18 22		143 42		
Trumbull,	8			17	46	11	690	17	42	59	42 00	9 54		97 83		
Cleaveland,	14			23	6	26	668	5	51	56	82 50	11 75		254 50		
Columbus,	13		2	28	228	91	1636	70	161	231	108 50			127 70		
Richland,	15	2		40	234	107	2466	42	284	326	244 38	45 95		124 25		
Lancaster,	12			33	113	62	1757	24	158	182	532 39	59 25		509 00		
Athens,	10	2		16	41	17	894	8	82	90	57 40	18 70		605 94		
Chillicothe,	15	1		21	304	82	2098	69	207	276	366 78	64 14		850 33		
Miami,	11			24	341	91	1779	79	158	237	189 31	60 43		187 12		
Cincinnati,	22	2	5	27	774	157	3194	233	277	510	674 27	133 84	5900 00	1036 31		
Oxford,	13	2	1	21	86	124	1140	25	67	92	196 49	42 00		151 12		
Salem,	7			15	117	22	758	35	89	124	33 12	12 62	6 25	204 37		
Madison,	6			13	31	71	656	8	43	51	19 95		46 92	50 31		
Vincennes,	8			16	17	2	396	4	55	59	23 00	7 55				
Crawfordsville,	7			14	27	144	530	5	33	38	15 87	55 39				
Sangamon,	5			5	13	36	138	5	13	18		20 00				
Kaskaskia,	7			18	54	42	430	16	77	93	23 50					
Illinois,	10			5	27	49	145	3	15	18	33 12					
Indianapolis,	7			13	30	49	476	5	51	56	10 50	9 56	10 00			

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Missouri,	14			19	51	95	679	9	86	95	$208 53	$9 00		$218 09	
Louisville,	11	2	3	20	64	71	1239	15	94	109	395 50	52 00		395 31	
Muhlenberg,	7		1	21	37	5	645	1	32	33	11 50	5 00		22 35	
Transylvania,	17			24	39	35	2465	20	185	205	220 88	72 00		570 37	
West Lexington,	16	2	1	25	42	21	1733	19	71	90	666 25	80 00	$25 00	418 69	
Ebenezer,	15	1	4	21	102	27	1704	16	91	107	312 50	82 50	1052 25	409 56	
Winchester,	14	1		22	97	9	1169	16	66	82	98 02	38 00	85 00	364 63	
East Hanover,	10		4	8	65	14	936	14	61	75	1749 94	54 00	1023 35	1473 44	$18 00
West Hanover,	25	8	12	29	243	30	1814	67	160	227	135 25	77 00	272 16	106 25	
Lexington,	24	5	6	36	289	32	3376	55	240	295	616 40	135 50	522 00	158 80	
Orange,	24	2	7	34	108	13	729	39	96	135	220 25	100 90	530 00	345 96	
Fayetteville,	11	3	9	40	129	1	2426	1	98	99	180 00	58 00	16 00		
Concord,	20	2	4	45	317	18	3253	46	325	371	300 07	37 00	166 00	57 68	
Abingdon,	7			10	43	14	655	5	51	56	12 00	5 00			
Union,	17	8		28	243	23	2406	75	152	227		19 75		14 46	
Holston,	8	5		14			1816								
French Broad,	8			10	46	6	871	10	29	39					
West Tennessee,	14	2		18	18	13	1223	10	78	88	130 50			76 50	
Shiloh,	9	1		25			420								
North Alabama,	10	2	3	15	25	15	693	5	61	66	190 18	33 50	35 00	540 60	
Western District,	9	2	1	17	23	63	477	4	52	56	88 80	14 95		4 25	
South Carolina,	13	2	2	29	224	10	2480	51	158	216	78 25	75 25		255 25	
Bethel,	9	1	2	19	152	25	1779	22	179	201	2 80	19 00	10 00		
Hopewell,	27	2	8	51	207	74	2625	66	218	284	412 57	7 25		10 00	
Charleston Union,	11	1	4	5	56	4	433	26	58						
Georgia,	8		1	5	41	6	268	20	16	36	150 00	40 00		200 00	
Harmony,	17			23	119		1836	65	92	157	123 25	100 00	58 62	23 00	
Mississippi,	19	2		24	100		900	25	128	153				6000 00	
South Alabama.	18	3	2	31	52	29	1133	18	98	116	221 00	75 56		70 00	
Tombigbee,	10			10	198	11	481	234	202	436		35 00			
Totals, 104	1584	216	215	2253	15357	4997	182017	4590	12198	16588	$17501 70	$3880 39	$16884 39	$33317 14	$218 51

The following ordained Ministers of the Gospel, lately belonging to the Presbyterian Church, have deceased since the last publication of the Minutes, viz.

Rev. Amasa A. Hayes, of the Presbytery of Londonderry; Henry Slater, Champlain; John Alexander, Oswego; Johnson Baldwin, Evans Beardsley, Oneida; James P. Wilson, D. D., Alexander Aikman, Philadelphia; Ebenezer Dickey, D. D., New Castle; John Niblock, Carlisle; John Thompson, Huntingdon; James Power, D. D., Redstone; Robert Hall, Winchester; John E. Annan, East Hanover; Josiah James Kirkpatrick, William Peacock, Fayetteville; Matthew Donald, G. M. Erskine, Union; Samuel W. Yongue, Harmony; Samuel Hunter, Mississippi; Samuel Doak, D. D., Holston.

1832.

PHILADELPHIA, May 17, 1832.

THE General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, in the United States of America, met agreeably to appointment, in the first Presbyterian Church, in the city of Philadelphia, May 17th, 1832, at 11 o'clock, A. M., and was opened with a sermon by the Rev. Nathan S. S. Beman, D. D., the Moderator of the last Assembly, from Acts xix. 20: "So mightily grew the word of God and prevailed."

After public worship the Assembly was constituted with prayer, and then had a recess until 4 o'clock, P. M.

At 4 o'clock, P. M., the Assembly met.

The Standing Committee of Commissions reported that the following persons present have been duly appointed Commissioners to this General Assembly, viz.:—

PRESBYTERY OF LONDONDERRY—*Minister*—Rev. John R. Adams. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF NEWBURYPORT—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF CHAMPLAIN—*Ministers*—Rev. Frye Bailey Reed, Ashbel Parmelee. *Elders*—Luther N. Ransom, Jonas Platt.

PRESBYTERY OF ALBANY—*Ministers*—Rev. Eliphalet Nott, D. D., Henry R. Weed, Ebenezer Cheever, William Lockhead. *Elders*—Mr. John L. Winne, Ananias Platt, Nehemiah Bassett, Erastus Williams, M. D.

PRESBYTERY OF TROY—*Ministers*—Rev. Nathan S. S. Beman, D. D., Alvah Day, John W. M'Cullough. *Elders*—Mr. Sidney Wells, Smith Griffith, William M. Bliss.

PRESBYTERY OF COLUMBIA—*Ministers*—Rev. David Porter, D. D., Jonathan Cone. *Elders*—Benjamin Chapman, Francis Sayre.

PRESBYTERY OF WATERTOWN—*Ministers*—Rev. Dexter Clary, John Sessions. *Elders*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF ST. LAWRENCE—*Minister*—Rev. Thomas Kennan. *Elder*—Mr. Seth Pomeroy.

PRESBYTERY OF OSWEGO—*Minister*—Rev. George Freeman. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF ONEIDA—*Ministers*—Rev. Job H. Martin, Erastus N. Nichols, Aaron Garrison, Noah Coe. *Elders*—Mr. Edward Vernon, Ira Hills.

PRESBYTERY OF OTSEGO—*Minister*—Alexander M. Cowan. *Elder*—Mr. David H. Little.

PRESBYTERY OF CHENANGO—*Ministers*—Rev. Horace P. Bogue, Seth Burt. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF DELAWARE—*Minister*—Rev. William Fisher. *Elder*—Mr. Herman D. Gould.

PRESBYTERY OF CORTLAND—*Minister*—Rev. Samuel T. Mills. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF ONONDAGA—*Ministers*—Rev. Erastus H. Adams, J. W. Adams. *Elder*—Mr. Abel Caldwell.

PRESBYTERY OF CAYUGA—*Ministers*—Rev. Mat. L. R. Perrine, D. D., Josiah Hopkins, James Richards, D. D. *Elders*—Mr. William Brown, James M'Chain.

PRESBYTERY OF TIOGA—*Minister*—Rev. Peter Lockwood. *Elders*—Mr. Oliver Ely, Eleazer Dana.

PRESBYTERY OF GENEVA—*Ministers*—Rev. Chauncey Eddy, Robert W. Hill, Ansel D. Eddy. *Elder*—Mr. Enoch Wing.

PRESBYTERY OF BATH—*Ministers*—Rev. George R. Rudd, B. Foster Pratt. *Elder*—Jacob Van Valkenburgh.

PRESBYTERY OF ANGELICA—*Minister*—Rev. Moses Hunter. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF ONTARIO—*Ministers*—Rev. Silas C. Brown, John B. Whittlesey. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF ROCHESTER—*Ministers*—Rev. Alfred E. Campbell, William Wisner. *Elder*—Mr. Levi Ward, Jr.

PRESBYTERY OF GENESSEE—*Ministers*—Rev. Gilbert Crawford, Isaac Oakes. *Elders*—Mr. John Munger, Peter Campbell.

PRESBYTERY OF NIAGARA—*Minister*—Rev. Andrew Rawson. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF BUFFALO—*Ministers*—Rev. Isaac Jones, Timothy Stillman. *Elders*—Daniel Rumsey, M. D., William F. Winchell.

PRESBYTERY OF HUDSON—*Ministers*—Rev. Charles Cummins, D. D., Andrew Thompson. *Elder*—Mr. Cyrus Lyon.

PRESBYTERY OF NORTH RIVER—*Ministers*—Rev. Benjamin F. Wile, James H. Thomas. *Elder*—Calvert Canfield, M. D.

PRESBYTERY OF BEDFORD—*Minister*—Rev. Stephen Saunders. *Elders*—Samuel Brewster, James H. Purdy.

PRESBYTERY OF LONG ISLAND—*Ministers*—Rev. William Fuller, Ezra King. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF NEW YORK—*Ministers*—Rev. Gardiner Spring, D. D., Wm. W. Phillips, D. D. *Elders*—Moses Allen, Cyrenius Beers, William Sterling.

PRESBYTERY OF NEW YORK, (2d.)—*Minister*—Rev. Joseph M'Elroy, D. D. *Elder*—Mr. William Wallace.

PRESBYTERY OF NEW YORK, (3d.)—*Ministers*—Rev. Samuel H. Cox, D. D., Erskine Mason, Absalom Peters. *Elders*—Mr. William A. Tomlinson, Samuel L. Kennedy, Peter C. Tappan, M. D.

PRESBYTERY OF NEWARK—*Ministers*—Rev. Philip C. Hay, Peter Kanouse, Baxter Dickinson. *Elders*—Mr. Joseph Chandler, Obadiah Woodruff.

PRESBYTERY OF ELIZABETHTOWN—*Ministers*—Rev. David Magie, Joseph M. Ogden. *Elder*—Mr. Joseph Crowell.

PRESBYTERY OF NEW BRUNSWICK—*Ministers*—Rev. Arch'd Alexander, D. D., Eli F. Cooley, Peter O. Studdiford. *Elders*—Mr. David W. Vail, Samuel M'Nair, Samuel Bayard.

PRESBYTERY OF NEWTON—*Ministers*—Rev. Joseph L. Shafer, Benjamin I. Lowe. *Elders*—Mr. John C. Roy, Leffert Haughawout.

PRESBYTERY OF SUSQUEHANNA—*Ministers*—Rev. Adam Miller, Lyman Richardson. *Elder*—William Jessup.

PRESBYTERY OF PHILADELPHIA—*Ministers*—Rev. Ashbel Green, D. D., William M. Engles, William L. M'Calla, Robert Steele, Joshua T. Russell. *Elders*—Mr. James Stuart, Adam Johnston, David Roe, Charles Woodward, William Agnew.

PRESBYTERY OF NEW CASTLE—*Ministers*—Rev. Samuel Martin, D. D., Orson Douglass, John N. C. Grier. *Elders*—Mr. Matthew Stanley, James Patterson, John W. Cunningham.

PRESBYTERY OF LEWES—*Minister*—Rev. Alexander Campbell. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF BALTIMORE—*Minister*—Rev. George W. Musgrave, John Breckinridge. *Elders*—Samuel Annan, M. D., George Morris.

PRESBYTERY OF DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA—*Minister*—Rev. Reuben Post. *Elder*—Mr. Thomas Vowell.

PRESBYTERY OF CARLISLE—*Ministers*—Rev. Henry R. Wilson, Alexander M'Farland, James Williamson. *Elders*—Mr. David Mitchell, John Kennedy, John M'Clure.

PRESBYTERY OF HUNTINGDON—*Ministers*—Rev. John Coulter, William Annan. *Elders*—Mr. John G. Lowry, Ephraim Banks.

PRESBYTERY OF NORTHUMBERLAND—*Ministers*—Rev. Joseph Painter, John H. Grier. *Elders*—Mr. Robert M'Coy, Andrew Ferguson.

PRESBYTERY OF ALLEGHENY—*Minister*—Rev. John Moore. *Elder*—Mr. Joseph Morrison.

PRESBYTERY OF ERIE—*Ministers*—Rev. Absalom M'Cready, Thomas Anderson. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF HARTFORD—*Ministers*—Rev. James Wright, Clement Vallandingham. *Elders*—Mr. John Clarke, James Adair.

PRESBYTERY OF REDSTONE—*Minister*—Rev. Robert Johnston. *Elder*—Mr. John K. Duncan.

PRESBYTERY OF STEUBENVILLE—*Ministers*—Rev. Charles C. Beatty, Jacob Cozad. *Elders*—Mr. Edward Vanhorne, John Lyle.

PRESBYTERY OF WASHINGTON, Pa.—*Ministers*—Rev. John M'Clusky, James Hervey. *Elders*—Mr. Reddick M'Kee, James M'Ferren.

PRESBYTERY OF OHIO—*Ministers*—Rev. Moses Allen, Thomas D. Baird, William Jeffery. *Elders*—Mr. John Herriott, John Scott, Benjamin Williams.

PRESBYTERY OF BLAIRSVILLE—*Minister*—Rev. Watson Hughes. *Elder*—Mr. Robert Rainey.

PRESBYTERY OF DETROIT—*Ministers*—Rev. Charles G. Clark, Erie Prince. *Elders*—Mr. Wolcott Lawrence, Oliver Johnson.

PRESBYTERY OF GRAND RIVER—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF PORTAGE—*Ministers*—Rev. Caleb Pitkin, Ansel R. Clark. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF HURON—*Minister*—Rev. E. P. Salmon, Xenophon Betts. *Elders*—Mr. James Hamilton, H. Conant, M. D.

PRESBYTERY OF TRUMBULL—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—Mr. Isaac Woodford.

PRESBYTERY OF CLEAVELAND—*Ministers*—Rev. Joel Talcot, Stephen Peet. *Elder*—Mr. William Adams.

PRESBYTERY OF COLUMBUS—*Minister*—Rev. James Hoge, D. D. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF RICHLAND—*Ministers*—Rev. Robert Lee, James Rowland. *Elder*—Mr. Joseph M'Combs.

PRESBYTERY OF CHILLICOTHE—*Minister*—Rev. James H. Dickey. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF LANCASTER—*Minister*—Rev. James Culbertson. *Elder*—Mr. Matthew Gillespie.

PRESBYTERY OF ATHENS—*Ministers*—Rev. Francis Bartlett, Luther G. Bingham. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF MIAMI—*Ministers*—Rev. James Coe, D. V. M'Lean. *Elders*—Mr. David Osborne, William King.

PRESBYTERY OF CINCINNATI—*Ministers*—Rev. Andrew S. Morrison, James Gallaher, Franklin Y. Vail. *Elders*—Mr. Noah Cory, D. W. Fairbank, Jonathan Young.

PRESBYTERY OF OXFORD.—*Ministers*—Rev. Adrian Aten, Archibald Craig. *Elders*—Mr. Charles H. Spinning, William D. Craig.

PRESBYTERY OF SALEM—*Minister*—Rev. Leander Cobb. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF MADISON—*Minister*—Rev. John M. Dickey. *Elder*—Mr. Moses H. Wilder.

PRESBYTERY OF VINCENNES.—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF CRAWFORDSVILLE—*Minister*—Rev. Martin M. Post. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF SANGAMON—*Minister*—Rev. Erastus Kent. *Elder*—Mr. John Tilson.

PRESBYTERY OF KASKASKIA—*Minister*—Rev. John Matthews. *Elder*—Mr. James M'Clung.

PRESBYTERY OF INDIANAPOLIS—*Minister*—Rev. Eliphalet Kent. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF ILLINOIS—*Minister*—Rev. Henry Herrick *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF MISSOURI—*Minister*—Rev. Hiram Chamberlain. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF ST. LOUIS—*Minister*—Rev. William S. Potts. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF ST. CHARLES—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—Mr. George E. Boswell.

PRESBYTERY OF LOUISVILLE—*Minister*—Rev. Archibald Cameron. *Elder*—Mr. John Bemiss.

PRESBYTERY OF MUHLENBERG—*Minister*—Rev. Robert A. Lapsley. *Elder*—Mr. Fayette Posey.

PRESBYTERY OF TRANSYLVANIA—*Ministers*—Rev. James C. Barnes, Joseph Huber. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF WEST LEXINGTON—*Ministers*—Rev. Robert Stuart, James Blythe, D. D. *Elder*—Mr. John M. C. Irwin.

PRESBYTERY OF TABOR—*Minister*—John H. Brown. *Elder*—Mr. Thomas P. Smith.

PRESBYTERY OF EBENEZER—*Minister*—Rev. James H. Logan. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF WINCHESTER—*Ministers*—Rev. William Hill, D. D., William C. Matthews. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF EAST HANOVER—*Minister*—Rev. Stephen Taylor. *Elder*—Mr. William Maxwell.

PRESBYTERY OF WEST HANOVER—*Ministers*—Rev. John Kirkpatrick, James Wharey, James H. C. Leach. *Elders*—Mr. Charles Dabney, Anderson C. Morton, William N. Page.

PRESBYTERY OF LEXINGTON—*Ministers*—Rev. Francis M'Farland, Joseph Smith, James Paine. *Elders*—Mr. Richard Henry, James Paxton.

PRESBYTERY OF ORANGE—*Ministers*—Rev. Wm. M'Pheeters, D. D., Samuel L. Graham, James Weatherby. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF FAYETTEVILLE—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF CONCORD—*Minister*—Rev. Stephen Frontis. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF ABINGDON—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF UNION—*Ministers*—Rev. John W. Beecher, Fielding Pope, Sumner Mandeville. *Elders*—Mr. David F. Palmer, William Holland, Ralph Tedford.

PRESBYTERY OF HOLSTON—*Minister*—Rev. Frederick A. Ross. *Elder*—Mr. William Rhea.

PRESBYTERY OF FRENCH BROAD—*Minister*—Rev. James H. Gass. *Elder*—Mr. Alexander Anderson.

Presbytery of West Tennessee—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of Western District—*Minister*—Rev. Samuel Hodge. *Elder*—Mr. James Grier.

Presbytery of Shiloh—*Minister*—Rev. John W. Hall. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of North Alabama—*Minister*—Rev. Hugh Barr. *Elder*—Mr. Sylvester Ellis.

Presbytery of Mississippi—*Ministers*—Rev. George Potts, Abraham Hagaman. *Elder*—Andrew M'Creary, M. D.

Presbytery of Tombigbee—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of Clinton—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—Mr. James Holmes.

Presbytery of South Carolina—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of Bethel—*Minister*—Rev. John Le Roy Davies. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of Hopewell—*Minister*—Rev. John S. Wilson. *Elders*—Mr. Joseph H. Lumpkin, Matthew Robertson.

Presbytery of Charleston Union—*Ministers*—Rev. Aaron W. Leland, D. D., Benjamin Gildersleeve. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of Harmony—*Minister*—Rev. Uriah Powers. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of Georgia—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of South Alabama—*Ministers*—Rev. William H. Williams, Joseph P. Cunningham. *Elder*—None.

General Association of Connecticut—Rev. Jeremiah Day, D. D., LL. D., David Smith, D. D., Seth Bliss.

General Association of Massachusetts—Rev. John Codman, D. D., Samuel Osgood, D. D.

General Association of New Hampshire—Rev. Israel W. Putnam.

General Convention of Vermont—Rev. Thomas A. Merrill.

General Synod of Reformed Dutch Church—None.

General Synod of German Reformed Church—None.

General Conference of Maine—Rev. J. W. Ellingwood.

Evangelical Consociation of Rhode Island—Rev. Thomas T. Waterman.

The committee further reported, that Mr. Samuel Bayard, a Ruling Elder from the Presbytery of New Brunswick, has informed them, that he was appointed a Commissioner, but had not his commission with him; and, also, that Mr. William Maxwell, a ruling elder from the Presbytery of East Hanover, has informed them that he was appointed a Commissioner, but had not received his commission.

Dr. Alexander, Dr. Hill, and Mr. Bliss, were appointed a Committee of Elections, and these cases were referred to them.

The committee of Elections reported in favour of the admission of Mr. Bayard and Mr. Maxwell. This report was accepted, and their names were ordered to be entered in the list of members.

Rev. Dr. James Hoge was unanimously appointed Moderator; and the Rev. Philip C. Hay was elected Temporary Clerk.

Agreeably to a standing rule, the printed Minutes of the last Assembly were distributed among the members.

Resolved, That a committee of three Ministers and two Elders be appointed, whose duty it shall be to consider all applications for leave of absence, with power to decide on the same, in place of the house; and with instructions to require, in every case, satisfactory reasons for the necessity of such absence, and report to the house, at the commencement of every session, the members so dismissed; and that an appeal to the Assembly may be made in any instance of refusal on the part of the committee to grant the application.

Dr. M'Elroy, Mr. Chauncey Eddy, Mr. James Coe, Mr. Beers, and Mr. Banks, were appointed this committee.

The commissioners from the Philadelphia Presbytery were appointed a committee to procure a more convenient place for the sessions of the General Assembly.

Dr. Richards, Mr. Culbertson, Mr. Barnes, Mr. F. M'Farland, Dr. Codman, Mr. Bayard, Mr. Mitchell, Dr. Rumsey, and Mr. Maxwell, were appointed a Committee of Overtures, to meet in this house immediately upon the rising of the Assembly this evening, and afterwards on their own adjournments.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Friday morning, May 18th, 9 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and was constituted with prayer.

The minutes of yesterday were read.

The Committee of Commissions reported the following additional members, who appeared and took their seats, viz:—

Charles D. Smith, a ruling elder from the Presbytery of Onondaga; William A. Cook, a ruling elder from the Presbytery of Long Island; Robert J. Breckinridge, a ruling elder from the Presbytery of West Lexington; Rev. John M. Krebs, from the Presbytery of New York; John Reynolds, a ruling elder from the Presbytery of Erie; Robert Ross, a ruling elder from the Presbytery of Orange; George A. Perkins, a ruling elder from the Presbytery of Susquehanna; James A. Collins, a ruling elder from the Presbytery of Lewes; and Rev. Calvin N. Ransom, from the Presbytery of Columbus.

The committee also reported two commissions for members of Standing Committees, instead of ruling elders, from the Presbytery of Grand River. These Commissions were referred to the Committee of Elections.

The committee appointed to procure a more convenient place for the sessions of the General Assembly reported in favour of the Seventh Presbyterian Church in Fourth street, as the place of meeting after the session of this morning. The above report was accepted and adopted.

Dr. Spring, Mr. J. H. Dickey, Dr. M'Pheeters, Mr. M'Kee, Mr. J. Platt, and Mr. Paxton, were appointed a Judicial Committee.

Resolved, That the General Rules for Judicatories printed in the Appendix to the Confession of Faith, with the exception of the 18th, be adopted as the rules for the government of this Assembly in conducting their business.

Mr. Charles Woodward and Dr. Samuel Annan were appointed a committee to receive an account of the miles travelled by the Commissioners to the Assembly, and to make an apportionment of the Commissioners' Fund, agreeably to the Standing Rule on the subject.

Resolved, That it be the order of the day for Monday morning next, at 10 o'clock, to receive communications on the state of religion.

Dr. Leland, Mr. Weed, Mr. Post, Dr. Smith, and Mr. Merrill, were appointed to prepare a general Narrative of the State of Religion.

Dr. Green, Dr. Cox, and Mr. J. Breckinridge, were appointed a committee to make arrangements for the religious services of Wednesday next, which, agreeably to a standing rule, is to be devoted to religious exercises.

Nominations were made for Delegates to attend the several ecclesiastical bodies with which the Assembly hold correspondence.

Adjourned to meet in the Seventh Presbyterian Church this afternoon at 4 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Seventh Presbyterian Church, May 18th, 4 o'clock, P. M.

The Assembly met, and was constituted with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The following committees were appointed to examine the Synodical Records, viz :—

Records of the Synod of Albany, Dr. Phillips and Mr. Gillespie.
Records of the Synod of Utica, Mr. A. M'Farland and Mr. Purdy.
Records of the Synod of Geneva, Mr. R. Johnson and Mr. Morton.
Records of the Synod of Genessee, Dr. Martin and Mr. Cory.
Records of the Synod of New York, Mr. Gallaher and Mr. Lumpkin.
Records of the Synod of New Jersey, Mr. Bogue and Mr. Ferguson.
Records of the Synod of Philadelphia, Mr. J. M. Dickey and Dr. Conant.
Records of the Synod of Pittsburgh, Mr. Taylor and Mr. Beers.
Records of the Synod of Western Reserve, Mr. Cooley and Mr. M'Coy.
Records of the Synod of Ohio, Mr. H. R. Wilson and Mr. Lyon.
Records of the Synod of Cincinnati, Mr. M. Allen (Min.) and Mr. Mitchell.
Records of the Synod of Indiana, Mr. Alfred Campbell and Mr. Roy.
Records of the Synod of Illinois, Mr. J. H. Grier and Mr. L. Ward.
Records of the Synod of Kentucky, Dr. Cummins and Mr. M'Clure.
Records of the Synod of Virginia, Mr. Beatty and Mr. Kennedy.
Records of the Synod of North Carolina, Mr. M. M. Post and Mr. J. Patterson.
Records of the Synod of Tennessee, Mr. Magie and Mr. Winchell.
Records of the Synod of West Tennessee, Mr. Joseph Smith and Mr. R. J. Breckinridge
Records of the Synod of South Carolina and Georgia, Mr. Pitkin and Mr. J. Scott.
Records of the Synod of Mississippi and South Alabama, Mr. Baird and Mr. A. Johnston.

Resolved, That it be the order of the day for Tuesday morning next, to receive the report of the Board of Education.

A number of copies of the Minutes of the General Association of Connecticut, of the General Association of Massachusetts, and of the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church, were received, and committed to Mr. Engles and Mr. Agnew, to distribute them among the members.

A reference from the Synod of Philadelphia, in relation to the right of Presbyteries to require every Minister or Licentiate coming to them by certificate from another Presbytery, or other ecclesiastical body, to submit to an examination before he be received, was presented and read, and after considerable discussion, was committed to Dr. Hill, Dr. Spring, Mr. Baird, Dr. M'Pheeters and Mr. Wisner.

The Permanent Clerk reported that there had been put into his hands the following papers, viz : A complaint of certain members of the Presbytery of Philadelphia against the said Presbytery ; a complaint against the Synod of Philadelphia for refusing to divide the Presbytery of Philadelphia ; a complaint of Mr. John R. Moreland, against the Synod of Indiana ; a protest and complaint against a decision of the Synod of Virginia, respecting called meetings of Synod ; an appeal from the decision of the Synod of Pittsburgh in the case of Dr. Snodgrass ; and an appeal by the Presbytery of Missouri from the decision of the Synod of Indiana. These cases, with the accompanying papers, were committed to the judicial committee.

The Permanent Clerk also reported, that there had been put into his hands "A complaint of several members of the Synod of Philadelphia, against the Synod, in relation to a reference by that body to the General Assembly." This case was committed to the committee appointed this afternoon on this reference.

The Assembly proceeded to the election of delegates to corresponding bodies ; the votes were received and committed to Mr. Saunders, Mr. Wm. S.

Potts, Mr. Steele, and Mr. R. J. Breckinridge, to count them, and report the result to the Assembly.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Saturday morning, May 19, 9 *o'clock.*

The Assembly met, and was constituted with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The committee of Commissions reported the following additional members, who appeared and took their seats, viz: Rev. Blackleach B. Bray, from the Presbytery of Buffalo; Rev. William Brobston, from the Presbytery of Fayetteville, and Mr. William Sayre, a ruling elder from the Presbytery of South Alabama.

The committee of Elections reported that the commissions referred to them from the Presbytery of Grand River, had been withdrawn by the persons presenting them.

The Judicial Committee reported judicial business, Nos. 1 and 2. No. 2 was put on the docket.

The committee to count the votes for delegates to corresponding bodies, made a report, when it appeared that the following persons are duly elected, viz: Rev. Eli F. Cooley, Rev. David Magee, and Mr. Robert J. Breckinridge, to attend the General Association of Connecticut.

Rev. Eli F. Cooley and Rev. David Magee to attend the General Association of Massachussetts.

Rev. Eli F. Cooley to attend the Evangelical Consociation of Rhode Island.

Mr. Robert J. Breckinridge to attend the General Conference of Maine.

Rev. Philip C. Hay, to attend the General Association of New Hampshire, and the General Convention of Vermont, and the Rev. Ebenezer Cheever, to be his alternate.

Rev. John M'Dowell, D. D., and Mr. George Zabriskie, to attend the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church: Rev. William Patton to be alternate of Dr. M'Dowell.

Rev. Henry R. Wilson, and Rev. Matthew L. Fullerton, to attend the Synod of the German Reformed Church.

No. 1, reported by the Judicial Committee, viz: "A complaint of certain members of the Presbytery of Philadelphia, against the Synod of Philadelphia for refusing to divide said Presbytery," was taken up.

The Moderator read the rule requiring the members to regard their high character as judges of a court of Jesus Christ, and the solemn duty on which they are about to enter.

The complaint was read, including the proceedings of the Synod and Presbytery in the case. The complainants were then heard, and the Synod in part.

Adjourned till Monday morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Monday morning, May 21*st*, 9 *o'clock.*

The Assembly met, and was constituted with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The committee of Commissions reported the following additional members, who appeared and took their seats, viz: Rev. Samuel M. Williamson, from the Presbytery of Western District, and the Rev. Nathan Hoyt, from the Presbytery of Hopewell.

The Stated Clerk reported that he had received a number of copies of the printed Minutes of the General Conference of Maine, and of the General Association of New Hampshire. These minutes were ordered to be distributed among the members.

The Stated Clerk also reported that he had received for the Assembly a copy

of the Minutes of the Synod of Ulster, Ireland, from the year 1800 to the present time, together with a copy of the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church, as adopted by the Synod of Ulster.

The committee of overtures reported Overtures Nos. 1 to 11. These overtures were put upon the docket.

The Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary at Princeton, made their annual report, which was accepted, and ordered to be printed in the appendix to the Minutes of the Assembly.

The same Board also reported on the subject of the application of the Associate Reformed Synod of New York, for the library and certain funds of the General Synod of the Associate Reformed Church, which application was referred by the last Assembly, to the said trustees. This report was committed to Messrs. Jonas Platt, Jessup, Lumpkin, Banks, and R. J. Breckinridge.

The order of the day, viz: receiving reports from the Presbyteries on the state of religion, was taken up: when it was resolved to dispense with the reading of these reports. The Presbyteries were called, and the reports were handed to the committee appointed to draw up a narrative. The reports from the bodies in correspondence with the Assembly were read and referred to the same committee.

The Stated Clerk presented a letter from the Synod of Ulster in Ireland, addressed to the Assembly, which was read, and referred to Dr. Beman, Dr. Blythe, and Dr. Cox, to prepare an answer, and report it to the Assembly.

The committee appointed to make arrangements for the religious exercises of Wednesday, made a report, which was read and adopted, and is as follows, viz:

1. That it be recommended to the members of the Assembly to spend the morning of Wednesday, till 10 o'clock, in private devotion, and in religious exercises, (so far as they may be found practicable and expedient) in the families in which the members may reside.

2. That at 10 o'clock the Assembly convene in the place of their regular sitting, and enter on social exercises of devotion, and that the order of the exercises be as follows, viz:—1. An introductory prayer by the Moderator. 2. The reading of the first two chapters of 1 Timothy, and the giving out a psalm or hymn by Dr. Martin. 3. A prayer by Mr. Hopkins. 4. An exhortation by Mr. F. M'Farland. 5. The reading of the third and fourth chapters of 1 Timothy, by Dr. Codman. 6. A prayer by Dr. Richards. 7. An exhortation by Mr. Wisner. 8. The reading of fifth and sixth chapters of 1 Timothy, and giving out a psalm or hymn, by Mr. Magie. 9. A prayer by Dr. Day. 10. Exhortation by Dr. Alexander. 11. The reading of the first and second chapters of 2 Timothy, and the giving out of a psalm and hymn by Mr. Bogue. 12. A prayer by Mr. Gallaher. 13. The reading of the third and fourth chapters of 2 Timothy, by Mr. Holmes. 14. Doxology and Benediction by the Moderator.

The receiving of the report of the Board of Missions was made the order of the day for to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock.

Resolved, That the sum of $5300 for the payment of Professors' salaries for the ensuing year be put at the disposal of the Trustees of the Theological Seminary at Princeton.

The Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary at Princeton made their annual report, which was accepted, and committed to Mr. H. R. Wilson, Dr. M'Pheeters, and Mr. R. Stuart.

Nominations were made to fill the vacancies in the Board of Directors of the Seminary at Princeton.

Resolved, That it be the order of the day for to-morrow morning to receive the report of the Directors of the Western Theological Seminary.

A communication was received from the Rev. E. W. Gilbert, requesting in

behalf of himself and the Hanover street congregation of Wilmington, of which he is pastor, that in case a Second Presbytery of Philadelphia is formed, he and his congregation may be attached to it. This request was laid on the table.

The Delegates to the last General Association of Connecticut and Massachusetts, and to the Evangelical Consociation of Rhode Island, made their reports, which were accepted.

The Assembly resumed the unfinished business of Saturday, viz: The complaint of certain members of the Presbytery of Philadelphia, against the Synod of Philadelphia, for refusing to divide said Presbytery. The Synod were further heard, in part, in support of their proceedings.

Adjourned till this afternoon at half-past 3 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Monday, half-past 3 *o'clock, P. M.*

The Assembly met, and was constituted with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The unfinished business of the morning, viz: The complaint of certain members of the Presbytery of Philadelphia, against the Synod of Philadelphia, for refusing to divide said Presbytery, was resumed. The Synod proceeded in defence of their proceedings.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Tuesday morning, May 22*d,* 9 *o'clock.*

The Assembly met, and was constituted with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The Committee of Commissions reported Mr. H. H. Snow, a ruling elder from the Presbytery of Illinois, as a member of the Assembly, who appeared and took his seat.

The complaint of certain members of the Presbytery of Philadelphia against the Synod of Philadelphia, for refusing to divide said Presbytery, was resumed; and the Synod continued their defence of their proceedings. The complainants were then heard in reply, and the Synod rejoined.

Adjourned till this afternoon at 4 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Tuesday, 4 *o'clock, P. M.*

The Assembly met, and was constituted with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The Committee of Commissions reported the Rev. Ozias S. Eells, from the Presbytery of Trumbull, as a member of the Assembly, who appeared and took his seat.

The Assembly proceeded to the election of Directors of the Theological Seminary at Princeton. The ballots were received and committed to Messrs. Leech, Mason, F. Y. Vail, and J. H. Dickey, to count them, and report the result to the Assembly.

The complaint of certain members of the Presbytery of Philadelphia was resumed. The Synod continued and finished their rejoinder. The parties then withdrew from the bar of the Assembly. The Assembly commenced calling the roll, to give the members an opportunity to express their opinions.

Adjourned for business till 3 o'clock to-morrow afternoon. Concluded with prayer.

Wednesday afternoon, 3 *o'clock, May* 23*d.*

The Assembly met, and was constituted with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The Committee of Commissions reported as a member of the Assembly the

Rev. David S. Morse, from the Presbytery of Tioga, who appeared and took his seat.

This morning was spent in religious exercises, agreeably to the report of the committee of arrangements.

The committee to whom were referred the votes for Directors of the Theological Seminary at Princeton made a report, from which it appeared that the following persons are elected Directors for three years, viz:—

Ministers—William Nevins, William Chester, William W. Phillips, D. D., John Johnston, John Breckinridge, Thomas H. Skinner, D. D., Asa Hillyer, D. D.

Elders—Alexander Henry, Robert G. Johnston, Moses Allen.

And that the Rev. Samuel Martin, D. D., is elected a Director for two years, in the place of the Rev. Joseph Sanford, deceased.

The committee to whom were committed the reference from the Synod of Philadelphia, in relation to the right of Presbyteries to require every minister or licentiate coming to them by certificate from another Presbytery or other ecclesiastical body, to submit to an examination before he be received; and also a complaint of several members of the Synod of Philadelphia against said Synod, in relation to said reference, made a report, which was put upon the docket.

The Assembly resumed the unfinished business of yesterday, viz: the complaint of certain members of the Presbytery of Philadelphia against the Synod of Philadelphia, for not dividing said Presbytery. Progress was made in calling the roll, and hearing the members express their opinions.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning at half-past 8 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Thursday morning, May 24th, half-past 8 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and was constituted with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The committee of Commissions reported the following additional members, who appeared and took their seats, viz: Mr. Woolsey Wells, a ruling elder from the Presbytery of Portage; Mr. Robert B. M'Afee, a ruling elder from the Presbytery of Transylvania, and the Rev. John Ludlow, D. D., and Mr. Samuel Kuen, elder, from the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church.

The Board of Directors of the Western Theological Seminary made their annual report, which was accepted, and committed to Messrs. Culbertson, G. Potts, and D. Mitchell.

Resolved, That this report be printed in the appendix to the minutes of the General Assembly.

Nominations were made to fill the vacancies in the Board of Directors of the Western Theological Seminary.

The Board of Directors of the Union Theological Seminary made their annual report, which was accepted, and ordered to be printed in the appendix to the minutes of the Assembly.

The Board of Education made their annual report, which was accepted, and committed to Dr. M'Elroy, and Messrs. A. M'Farland, Leach, M'Kee, and Irwin.

The Board of Missions made their annual report, which was accepted, and committed to Dr. Blythe, Mr. J. N. C. Grier, Mr. Baird, Dr. Williams, and Mr. Bayard.

The unfinished business of yesterday was resumed, viz: the consideration of the complaint of certain members of the Presbytery of Philadelphia,

against the Synod of Philadelphia, for refusing to divide said Presbytery. Further progress was made in calling the roll, and hearing the opinions of members.

Adjourned till this afternoon at half-past 3 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Thursday, half-past 3 o'clock, P. M.

The Assembly met, and was constituted with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The committee appointed to give leave of absence made the following report, which was accepted, viz: That they have given leave for the remaining sessions to the following persons, viz: Mr. Wm. A. Page, Mr. Wisner, Mr. Cheever, Mr. Wm. Maxwell, Mr. Tilson, Mr. Bassett, Mr. Ely, Mr. Van Valkenburg, and M. J. B. Whittlesey.

The Assembly resumed the unfinished business of the morning, viz: the consideration of the complaint of certain members of the Presbytery of Philadelphia, against the Synod of Philadelphia, for refusing to divide said Presbytery. Further progress was made in calling the roll, and hearing the opinions of members.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning, at half-past 8 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Friday morning, May 25th, half-past 8 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and was constituted with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The unfinished business of yesterday, viz: the consideration of the complaint of certain members of the Presbytery of Philadelphia, against the Synod of Philadelphia, for refusing to divide said Presbytery, was resumed. Further progress was made in calling the roll, and hearing the opinions of members.

Adjourned till this afternoon at half-past 3 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Friday, half-past 3 o'clock, P. M.

The Assembly met, and was constituted with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The Assembly proceeded to the election of Directors for the Western Theological Seminary. The ballots were received and committed to Messrs. Culbertson, Hoyt, Davis, and Rowland, to count them, and report the result to the Assembly.

The committee to whom was referred the report of the Board of Missions, made the following report, which was adopted, viz: That upon a review of this report, there is cause of gratitude to the Head of the Church, for the success with which he has crowned the labours of the Board during the past year; that the interests of the Board be warmly recommended to the churches, and that the report be approved and published under the direction of the Board.

Messrs. Kirkpatrick, Barnes, Coulter, Weed, Adair, M'Nair, and Morris, were appointed a committee to nominate a Board of Missions.

The Assembly resumed and finished calling the roll in the case of the complaint of certain members of the Presbytery of Philadelphia, against the Synod of Philadelphia, for refusing to divide said Presbytery.

The following motion was then made, viz: *Resolved*, That the complaint be sustained, without casting censure on the Synod of Philadelphia; and that the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

On motion, it was determined in taking the vote to divide the above resolution, and the vote was taken on the first part, viz: "*Resolved*, That the com-

plaint be sustained, without casting censure on the Synod of Philadelphia," and was carried in the affirmative. Ayes 163—Nays 87.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning, at half-past 8 o'clock.

Saturday morning, May 26th, half-past 8 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and was constituted with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The committee of Commissions reported Mr. Richard Townley, a ruling elder, as a member of the Assembly, from the Presbytery of Elizabethtown, who appeared and took his seat.

The committee to whom was referred the report of the Board of Directors of the Western Theological Seminary, made the following report, which was adopted, viz: *Resolved*,

1. That the report be approved.

2. That the sum of $5000 be allowed for the general purposes of the Institution, and $2500 for Professors' salaries, to be taken from any funds, which are now, or may hereafter be, under the control of the Board.

3. That this Assembly recommend said Institution to the confidence and patronage of the Christian public.

The committee to whom were referred the votes for Directors of the Western Theological Seminary, made a report, from which it appeared that the following persons are elected Directors for three years, viz:

Ministers—John Anderson, D. D., William Jeffery, Charles C. Beatty, Alan D. Campbell, Robert Johnson, Samuel M'Ferran, John Moore.

Elders—Samuel Thompson, George Plummer, Benjamin Williams.

The Assembly resumed the unfinished business of last evening. The resolution then under consideration, the former part of which was decided in the affirmative, was taken up, and the question was taken on the latter part, in the words following, viz: "And that the prayer of the petitioners be granted;" which was carried in the affirmative. Ayes 163—Nays 87.

The following resolutions were then introduced and adopted, viz: *Resolved*, That the Second Presbytery of Philadelphia hereby erected, shall consist of the Rev. Messrs. Ezra Stiles Ely, D. D., Thomas M'Auley, D. D., James Patterson, Thomas H. Skinner, D. D., Albert Barnes, John L. Grant, Alfred H. Dashiell, John W. Scott, Thomas Eustace, George Chandler, William Bacon, Albert Judson, Samuel R. Bertron, and John Smith; with one ruling elder from each of the following churches, viz: the First, Third, Fifth, Tenth, Eleventh, and Twelfth churches in Philadelphia; the First church in the Northern Liberties; the First church in Southwark; the churches of Ashton and Rockland; the church in Kensington; the church in Reading; the First African church in Reading, and the Second African church in Philadelphia; which churches are hereby declared to be under the watch and care of said Second Presbytery; but if the sessions of any of these churches prefer to continue their present connection with the existing Presbytery of Philadelphia, they may be allowed to do so; and shall not be compelled against their wishes, to be attached to the new Presbytery; and that said Presbytery is hereby directed to meet in the Fifth Presbyterian church in this city, on the Wednesday immediately following the rising of this Assembly, at 10 o'clock, A. M.; then and there to be constituted with prayer by the oldest minister present, who shall preside till a new Moderator be chosen.

Resolved, That said Second Presbytery of Philadelphia, is hereby declared to belong to the Synod of Philadelphia, and is attached to the same as an integral part thereof. Ayes 158—Nays 83.

The receiving of the reports of committees on Synodical Records was made the order of the day for Monday afternoon.

The report of the committee on the reference from the Synod of Philadelphia in relation to the right of Presbyteries to require every minister or licentiate coming to them by certificate from another Presbytery or other ecclesiastical body, to submit to an examination before he be received; and also in relation to a complaint of several members of said Synod against said reference, was made the order of the day for Monday morning.

Overture No. 1, On the subject of Missions, was taken up, and referred to Dr. Hill, Dr. Blythe, Dr. Alexander, Dr. Beman, Mr. J. P. Cunningham, Mr. W. Brown, Mr. Banks, Mr. M'Ferran and Dr. M'Creary.

Overture No. 2, viz. On correspondence with foreign bodies, was taken up, and committed to Mr. Taylor, Mr. J. Breckinridge, Mr. Harvey, Mr. G. Potts, and Mr. Cooley.

Overture No. 3, viz: On reducing the ratio of representation to the General Assembly, was taken up, and referred to Dr. Green, Mr. Gildersleeve, Mr. J. Smith, Dr. Perrine, Dr. Cox, Rev. Moses Allen, Mr. M'Afee, Mr. Bayard, and Mr. L. Ward.

A document was presented to the General Assembly by Samuel Hazard, Esq., of this city, containing several important statistical tables, prepared with considerable labour, and calculated to aid in any plan which may be adopted for diminishing the ratio of representation to the General Assembly. Whereupon it was

Resolved, That the thanks of the Assembly be given to Mr. Hazard for his assistance in this business, and that the document be put into the hands of the committee just appointed on this subject.

Overture No. 4, On dividing ecclesiastical bodies, was taken up, and committed to Messrs. F. M'Farland, Peters, and Gallaher.

Overture No. 5, viz: On subscription to the Confession of Faith, was taken up, and committed to Messrs. R. Johnson, Bogue, Dr. Phillips, Wharey, Lapsley, Hodge, and Dr. M'Pheeters.

Overture No. 6, viz: A request from the Presbytery of Delaware for advice in a certain case, was referred back again to the Presbytery for a more particular statement of the case, and that said Presbytery may send it, in the first place, to the Synod for advice.

Leave was asked and granted to withdraw the request of Mr. Gilbert and the Hanover street church, in Wilmington, to be connected with the Second Presbytery of Philadelphia; and the application was accordingly withdrawn.

A motion was made to cite the Synod of the Western Reserve to appear before the next Assembly; which motion was put upon the docket.

Adjourned till Monday morning at half-past 8 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Monday morning, May 20th, half-past 8 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and was constituted with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The committee on leave of absence, reported that they have given leave to the following persons, viz: Mr. W. Sayre, Mr. Canfield, Mr. Lumpkin, Mr. D. W. Vail, Mr. Wile, Mr. R. Ross, Mr. Gould, Mr. D. Mitchell, and Mr. Lawrence.

The above report was accepted.

The committee of overtures reported overtures No. 12, 13, 14, and 15, which were put upon the docket.

Overture No. 7, viz: On changing the form of Synodical reports, was taken up, and referred to Messrs. Cooley, F. M'Farland, and C. N. Ransom.

Overture No. 8, viz: Advice asked respecting the jurisdiction of a church, was taken up, and referred to Messrs. Jeffery, Leach, and Dickinson.

Overture No. 9, viz: Advice asked respecting a question of order, by the Presbytery of Otsego, was taken up, and committed to Messrs. E. H. Adams, Douglass, and Spinning.

Overture No. 10, viz: A reference from the Presbytery of Philadelphia on various questions respecting the constitution and order of the Presbyterian Church, was taken up and committed to Dr. Spring, Mr. Cameron, Dr. Cummins, Mr. H. R. Wilson, and Mr. J. M. Martin.

Overture No. 11, viz: A request that the 31st of December, 1832, be recommended as a season of prayer for the conversion of the world, was taken up, and committed to Mr. Peters, Mr. Kanouse, and Dr. Codman.

Overture No. 12, viz: On several points of doctrine and order, from the Presbytery of Richland, was taken up, and referred to the committee appointed on overture No. 10.

Overture No. 13, viz: On publishing a new edition of the Book of Discipline and Form of Government, was taken up, and laid on the table.

Overture No. 14, viz: On the subject of the validity of Roman Catholic baptisms, was ordered to be taken up, in connection with the reference on this subject by the last Assembly.

Overture No. 15, viz: On ordination by a deposed minister, or by laymen, was taken up, and committed to Dr. Alexander, Dr. Green, and Mr. Davies.

John K. Kane, Esq., Treasurer of the Corporation for the Relief of poor and distressed Presbyterian Ministers, and of the poor and distressed widows and children of Presbyterian Ministers, by permission addressed the Assembly on the subject of said corporation.

The committee to whom was referred the report of the Directors of the Theological Seminary at Princeton, made the following report, which was adopted, viz:—

1. That the report be accepted, and printed in the Appendix to the Minutes of the Assembly.

2. That the Board of Directors be authorized to employ an additional instructor in Oriental and Biblical literature, provided the means for the support of said instructor can be procured without drawing on the present funds of the Seminary.

The report of the committee to whom was committed the reference from the Synod of Philadelphia, in relation to the right of Presbyteries to require every Minister or Licentiate, coming to them by certificate from another Presbytery, or other ecclesiastical body, to submit to an examination before he be received; and a complaint of certain members of said Synod, against said reference, was taken up; and, after some discussion, was recommitted to the same committee, with instructions to prepare a proposition on the subject to be sent down to the Presbyteries. Dr. Beman was put on the committee in the place of Mr. Wisner, who has obtained leave of absence. Dr. Green was added to the committee.

An attested extract from the minutes of the Presbytery of New York, was laid before the Assembly, from which it appeared, that after having taken the steps required by the Rules of the Assembly, in relation to the reception of foreign Ministers and Licentiates, they had received as a member of their body the Rev. William Marshall, a foreign Minister:

Whereupon the Assembly resolved, that the proceedings of the Presbytery, in this case, be approved.

The report of the committee of the last General Assembly, to whom was referred the question, "Whether baptism by a Popish priest ought to be considered as valid?" which report was referred for decision to this Assembly, was taken up, and discussed at some length.

The committee to whom was referred the report of the Board of Education made the following report, which was adopted, viz:

That they rejoice in the measure of success which has attended the operations of the Board during the past year, and would cordially recommend it to the continued and increasing patronage of our churches.

Resolved, That the report be published under the direction of the Board.

Adjourned till this afternoon at half-past 3 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Monday, half-past 3 o'clock, P. M., May 28th.

The Assembly met, and was constituted with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The committee of commissions reported the Rev. Robert B. E. M'Leod, a member of the Assembly from the Presbytery of Bedford, when he appeared, and took his seat.

The committee appointed to nominate a Board of Missions made the following report, which was adopted, viz: That the Board of the last year be continued in office, and that to supply the places of members, who during the last year have deceased, removed, or declined service, the following persons be appointed, viz: the Rev. Alexander M. Cowan, of the Synod of Utica; the Rev. Eli S. Hunter, of the Synod of Genessee; the Rev. Nicholas Murray, of the Synod of New Jersey; the Rev. Hugh M. Koontz, the Rev. William J. Gibson, the Rev. John Burtt, and Mr. William Brown, of the Synod of Philadelphia; the Rev. Wm. S. Plumer, of the Synod of Virginia; and the Rev. Philip Lindsley, D. D., of the Synod of West Tennessee.

The committee would further recommend, that the Board of Missions be formed into four classes, whose appointment and terms of service shall be regulated upon the same plan with that of the Board of Education of the General Assembly; and that the Executive Committee be instructed thus to organize the Board as soon as practicable.

The consideration of the report on the question, Whether baptism by a Popish priest ought to be considered as valid, was resumed, and after some discussion, the report, together with the whole subject, was committed to Dr. Cox, Dr. Beman, and Mr. R. J. Breckinridge.

The committees appointed to examine the Records of the Synods of Utica, New York, New Jersey, Philadelphia, Western Reserve, Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana, and Illinois, reported respectively, and the Records were approved.

The committee appointed to examine the Records of the Synod of Albany, reported that the Records had not been put into their hands. The committee were discharged.

The committee appointed to examine the Records of the Synod of Pittsburgh made a report, which was laid on the table.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning at half-past 8 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Tuesday morning, May 29th, half-past 8 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and was constituted with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The committee on leave of absence, reported that they have given leave to Dr. Nott, which report was accepted.

The Judicial committee reported, that the complaint of John R. Moreland, against the Synod of Indiana be dismissed, on account of defect in the documents. This report was adopted.

The committee to whom was referred Overture No. 1, viz. Sundry documents on the subject of Missions, made the following report, which was unanimously adopted, viz:

1. *Resolved*, That under existing circumstances, it is deemed inexpedient to propose any change in the Assembly's mode of conducting Missions.

2. *Resolved*, That the prosperity of the church materially depends on the active and efficient aid which shall be afforded to missionary operations.

The committee to whom was committed the Records of the Synod of Cincinnati, made a report, which was laid on the table.

Resolved, That so much of this report as relates to the admission of persons into the church, be referred to a special committee, for the purpose of presenting some expression of the views of the Assembly on this subject. Dr. Richards, Dr. Spring, Mr. Francis M'Farland, Mr. Dickinson, and Mr. James C. Barnes were appointed this committee.

The committee to whom was referred Overture No. 11, viz: "On the appointment of a day of prayer for the conversion of the world," made the following report, which was unanimously adopted, viz:

It being understood, that christians and churches, both in this country and in Europe, have at different times desired the public designation of a day to be observed by all christians throughout the world, as a day of fasting and prayer for the out-pouring of the Holy Spirit on the whole family of man, and this Assembly being deeply impressed with the importance and high privilege of such an observance, and feeling urged and encouraged to more importunate supplications, in view of the recent revivals of religion in this land, as well as the signs of the present time in relation to the prospects of the church in other nations, therefore,

Resolved, That it be recommended to the ministers and churches under the supervision of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, and the churches in correspondence with the same, to observe the First Monday in January, 1833, as a day of *Fasting and Prayer*, for the divine blessing on the ministry of the Gospel throughout the world, for the revival of religion in the whole of Christendom, and for the entire success of those benevolent enterprises which have for their object the world's conversion to God.

Resolved, That other denominations of christians in the United States, and the christian churches in all other countries, be, and they hereby are affectionately, and with christian salutations, invited to concur in the observance of the day above specified.

Resolved, That these resolutions be published with the signature of the Moderator and Clerk of the General Assembly, for the information of such Synods, Assemblies, Associations, Conferences, Conventions, and other ecclesiastical bodies as may choose to recommend the above observance to the churches under their care. And may grace, mercy, and peace be multiplied to all throughout the world who love our Lord Jesus Christ.

The committees appointed to examine the records of the Synods of Geneva, North Carolina, Tennessee, West Tennessee, and Genessee, reported respectively, and the records were approved.

The committee appointed to examine the records of the Synod of Mississippi and South Alabama, reported that the records had not been put into their hands. The committee were discharged.

The committee on overtures reported Overture No. 16, viz: On the colonization of the free people of color.

This overture was taken up, and the following minute unanimously adopted, viz:

Whereas, it is the opinion of this body, that African colonization is eminently calculated to benefit a long persecuted and deeply injured race, by furnishing to the free people of color an opportunity to escape from the oppression which they suffer in this country, by removing the obstacles to the voluntary emancipation of the slaves, and especially by the facilities it affords for suppressing the horrid traffic in human flesh on the coast of Africa, and for the introduction of christianity and civilization into that benighted continent, therefore,

Resolved, That it be earnestly recommended to the pastors of all the churches under the care of the General Assembly, to bring the claims of the American Colonization Society before their respective congregations; and that it be recommended to the churches to take up collections in aid of its funds on the *Fourth of July*, or on some Sabbath near it.

The committee on Overture No. 4, viz: On dividing Ecclesiastical Bodies, made the following report, which was adopted, viz:

1. There is an orderly application from the Presbytery of Steubenville, of the Synod of Pittsburgh, that a part of their territory be attached to the Presbytery of Athens and Synod of Ohio. The Presbytery of Athens say that they will not object to a change of the boundary line, especially as the territory in question is more convenient to them. It is understood that there are no organized churches within the district in question.

The committee would recommend that the request be granted, and that the line dividing the two Presbyteries be so altered as shall make it coincident with the north line of Washington county from the Ohio river, to the west line of the Seven Ranges.

2. The Presbytery of Missouri requested the Synod of Illinois to take measures for the erection of a new Synod; whereupon the Synod divided the ministers and churches in the State of Missouri into three Presbyteries, viz. the Presbytery of St. Louis, the Presbytery of St. Charles, and the Presbytery of Missouri. The Synod of Illinois pray the General Assembly to erect a new Synod to be composed of the above-named Presbyteries, and to be called the Synod of Missouri; that the first meeting of the said Synod be held at St. Louis, on the second Thursday in October, 1832, and to be opened with a sermon by the Rev. Thomas Donnell, who shall preside until a Moderator be chosen, or in case of his absence, then the senior minister present.

The committee report that the proceedings appear to have been regular, and recommend that the prayer of the Synod be granted.

3. The Presbytery of Muhlenberg request the General Assembly to detach them from the Synod of Kentucky, and connect them with the Synod of West Tennessee. But inasmuch as the Synod of Kentucky have not been consulted, your committee would recommend that the further consideration of the subject be deferred until the Synod of Kentucky shall be consulted.

4. The churches of Mount Pleasant, Bethany, Honesdale, and Carbondale, under the care of the Presbytery of Hudson, and Synod of New York, petitioned said Presbytery that they might be detached from them and connected with the Presbytery of Susquehanna and Synod of New Jersey.

The Presbytery of Hudson applied to the Synod of New York in behalf of the churches so petitioning, and obtained their consent to the transfer.

Your committee would therefore recommend that the churches of Mount Pleasant, Bethany, Honesdale, and Carbondale, be placed under the care of the Presbytery of Susquehanna according to their request.

The committee to whom was referred overture No. 15, viz: on ordination by a deposed minister or by laymen, made the following report, which was adopted, viz:—

That this paper contains a letter from a minister in South Carolina to the stated clerk, requesting him to obtain a decision of the General Assembly on the question, "whether the ordination of a minister of the gospel by the interposition of the hands of the laity is valid?" That the answer to this question should be in the negative is so obvious and evident, on all correct principles of ecclesiastical order, that your committee are of opinion, that it is unnecessary for the General Assembly to give any further consideration to the subject.

The complaint of certain members of the Presbytery of Philadelphia against the said Presbytery in the case of Mr. Holt, was withdrawn by the complainants.

The receiving of the report of the committee appointed by the last General Assembly to attend the last meeting of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, and confer with that body in respect to measures to be adopted for enlisting the energies of the Presbyterian Church more extensively in the cause of missions to the heathen, was made the order of the day for this afternoon.

The motion to cite the Synod of the Western Reserve made on Saturday last, and put upon the docket, was taken up. After considerable discussion, the following minute was adopted, viz:—

Whereas, A resolution was introduced citing the Synod of the Western Reserve, to answer certain charges brought by common rumor against the order and discipline of the Presbyteries and Churches belonging to that Synod, viz: that said Synod is chargeable with delinquency in permitting persons to be licensed to preach the gospel, and in permitting persons to be ordained to the office of bishops and evangelists, and in permitting persons to be received as ordained ministers coming from other churches without being required by the Presbyteries to receive and adopt the Confession of Faith of the Presbyterian Church: and whereas, the said Synod is further charged by common fame with having failed to take effectual care that the Presbyteries observe the Constitution of the Church, in this, that many churches have no ruling elders connected with them, and that the office of ruling elder has been allowed to go into disuse to a great extent throughout the bounds of said Synod:

After discussion, in which much information respecting the state and proceedings of said Presbyteries and churches was given,

Resolved, That instead of issuing a citation to the Synod of the Western Reserve, said Synod be directed to review and examine the state of the Presbyteries and churches under its care, and make a report to the next General Assembly with a special reference to these points. And further,

Resolved, That the stated clerk of the General Assembly forward copies of the above minute to the Moderator and stated clerk of the Synod of the Western Reserve.

Adjourned till this afternoon at half-past 3 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Tuesday, half-past 3 o'clock, P. M., May 29th.

The Assembly met, and was constituted with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The committee on overture No. 8, viz: advice asked respecting the jurisdiction of a church, made a report, when the overture was dismissed.

Nominations were made to fill the vacancies in the Board of Education. The ballots were taken, and committed to Dr. Cox and Mr. Peters to count them, and report the result to the Assembly.

The committee appointed by the last General Assembly to attend the last meeting of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, and confer with that body in respect to measures to be adopted for enlisting the energies of the Presbyterian Church more extensively in the cause of missions to the heathen, and to report the results of this conference and their views on the whole subject to this General Assembly made a report, which was read and accepted, and the consideration of it made the order of the day for Thursday morning.

The judicial committee reported the appeal of James Snodgrass, M. D., from the decision of the Synod of Pittsburgh in his case, as in order. This appeal was put upon the docket.

The committee to whom were referred the ballots for persons to fill the vacancies in the Board of Education made a report, from which it appeared that the following persons were elected, viz:

For four years—

Ministers—Samuel Martin, D. D., William Neill, D. D., George C. Potts, William M. Engles, Reuben Post.

Laymen—Solomon Allen, Samuel Morrow, Henry Potter, William Wallace.

For three years, Rev. Philip Lindsley, D. D., to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of the Rev. Obadiah Jennings, D. D.

And for one year, Mr. Andrew Brown, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Mr. James Fassitt.

The committee on overture No. 2, viz: on correspondence with foreign bodies, made the following report, which was adopted, viz:—

That after mature consideration of the memorials presented to the Assembly, in connection with resolutions which have been passed by this Assembly, affecting the subjects embraced in these memorials, and to a considerable extent transferring them to other items of deliberation and decision, they recommend that the following resolution be adopted, viz:—

Resolved, That, at present, no change in the terms of correspondence with foreign bodies is expedient.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning, at half-past 8 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Wednesday morning, May 30th, half-past 8 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and was constituted with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The Assembly took up the protest and complaint of a minority of the Synod of Virginia, against a decision of said Synod in favour of called meetings of Synod. The complainants and Synod were heard, after which it was resolved, that the complaint be not sustained.

The followings resolutions were offered and seconded, viz:—

Be it resolved, by this General Assembly, That the plan of Union of 1801, between the General Assembly of the Presbyterian church, and the General Association of Connecticut, does not, when properly construed, authorize any committee-man now to sit and act in any Presbytery as a ruling elder, unless he represents a church composed partly of Presbyterians and partly of Congregationalists; nor even then, unless in the express case of discipline provided for under the fourth head of that Plan of Union.

Be it further resolved, That the said Plan of Union, when truly construed, does not authorize any private person, not being a committee-man, to sit or act in Presbytery in any case whatever.

Be it further resolved, That the said Plan of Union, when truly construed, does not authorize any committee-man to sit or act in any case in any Synod nor in the General Assembly.

After considerable discussion, it was *resolved*, That without expressing an opinion on the resolutions offered, it is inexpedient at this time to consider them.

The committee to whom was referred Overture No. 3, viz.; On reducing the ratio of representation to the General Assembly, made a report which was accepted and laid on the table.

Adjourned till this afternoon at half past 3 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Wednesday, half-past 3 o'clock, P. M., May 30th.

The Assembly met, and was constituted with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The committee on leave of absence, reported that they have given leave to the following persons, viz: Messrs. A. E. Campbell, Dana, Jessup, John H. Grier, and Ferguson. This report was accepted.

The committee appointed to draw up a narrative of the state of religion made a report, which was read and adopted, and ordered to be printed.

The committee to whom was referred the report of the trustees of the Theological Seminary at Princeton, in regard to the claim of the Associate Reformed Synod of New York, made the following report, which was adopted, viz:

That they have examined the opinion of Charles Ewing, Samuel L. Southard, and William W. Phillips, to whom the subject was specially referred by the trustees of the Theological Seminary at Princeton, with as much care and attention as their time and the pressing engagements of this General Assembly would allow; and your committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That the said opinion and report transmitted to this Assembly by the trustees of the Theological Seminary at Princeton, be accepted and approved; and that the said trustees be, and they are hereby empowered, to adopt and pursue any measures by amicable suit at law, or in equity, or by arbitration, if they deem it expedient or necessary, in order to settle and determine any claim or claims, which the Associate Reformed Synod of New York, or any other person or persons, or body corporate, may make to the property, which is the subject of the opinion referred to.

Resolved, That the report of the trustees of the Theological Seminary at Princeton, be published in the appendix to the minutes.

Mr. Solomon Allen presented his report to the Assembly as their agent in publishing the book of Psalms and Hymns, which was approved, and is as follows, viz:

The General Assembly in account with Solomon Allen, Agent,

DR.

To cash paid for stereotype plates, &c., 32mo. Psalms and Hymns,	$474 18
To cash paid for stereotype plates, &c., 24mo. Psalms and Hymns,	338 92
To cash paid for stereotype plates, &c., 12mo. Psalms and Hymns,	535 12
To cash paid Wm. D. Hart, for loss on former edition,	300 00
To cash paid for paper,	3132 96
To cash paid for printing 24,000 copies Psalms and Hymns,	1002 17
To cash paid for binding 24,000 copies Psalms and Hymns,	2588 59
	$8371 94

Contra CR.

By cash received for Psalms and Hymns,	$7607 84
By balance due to S. Allen, agent,	764 10
	$8371 94

The following resolution was offered, viz:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to draft a pastoral letter to the ministers and churches under the care of the Assembly, relative to the state of religion in our church at the present time.

After considerable discussion, the question was taken, and the motion was decided in the affirmative—yeas 126, nays 122.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning at half-past 8 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Thursday morning, May 31, *at half-past* 8 *o'clock.*

The Assembly met, and was constituted with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The committee on leave of absence reported that they have given leave to Mr. Magie. This report was accepted.

Dr. Green and Dr. Richards were appointed a committee to prepare the pastoral letter resolved upon last evening.

The report of the committee on Overture No. 3, viz: On reducing the ratio of representation to the General Assembly, was taken up, and after mature deliberation and amendment was adopted, and is as follows, viz:

That your committee, having attended to the business confided to them, and read the various documents put into their hands from several ecclesiastical bodies and ministers of our church on the subject, and considered at large the different methods of change and ratios of representation proposed, have come with great unanimity to the following result, viz:

1. That a change materially reducing the present representation, by increasing its ratio, is expected and required by all, and proper to be attempted at the present Assembly.

2. That in view of the growing number of our members and ministers, amounting already to more than twenty Synods and a hundred Presbyteries, it has become a question whether the *form* of representation, as well as the *ratio*, ought not to be changed; and the *Synodical* form substituted for the *Presbyterial;* that is to say, that hereafter the election of Commissioners to the General Assembly should be by Synods and not by Presbyteries.

3. That both questions be overtured by the present Assembly to the Presbyteries, for their consideration and votes on each distinctly, so as to secure, if possible, a constitutional result at the next Assembly, fixing the proper changes; and hence the committee recommend to the Assembly, for their adoption, the following form of overture to the Presbyteries, viz. That every Presbytery be required to decide on the following questions:—

1. Shall the form of representation be changed from Presbyterial to Synodical?

2. If so changed, shall the ratio of Synodical representation, omitting fractions, be *one minister* and *one elder* for every *twenty-five* ministers belonging to the Synod, with the privilege of nomination in the Presbyteries in such ratio and mode as each Synod may adopt?

3. If not changed in form, shall the second section of the twelfth chapter of the Form of Government be so altered as to read as follows, viz:

"The General Assembly shall consist of an equal delegation of bishops and elders from each Presbytery in the following proportion, viz: each Presbytery consisting of not more than twenty-four ministers shall send one minister and one elder, and each Presbytery consisting of more than twenty-four ministers shall send two ministers and two elders, and in the like proportion for every twenty-four ministers in every Presbytery; and these delegates so appointed shall be styled commissioners to the General Assembly."

The report of the committee who were appointed by the last Assembly to attend the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, and confer with that body, &c., was taken up, and after some discussion the following resolution was adopted, viz:

Resolved, That while the Assembly would express no opinion in relation to the principles contained in the report, they cordially recommend the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions to the affection and patronage of their churches.

The committee appointed to examine the records of the Synod of South Carolina and Georgia made a report, when the records were approved, with the exception of a resolution recorded on pages 218 and 219, on the subject of admitting the representatives of Congregational and Independent churches to be members of their Presbyteries and Synod, in the same manner as ruling elders.

The committee appointed to examine the records of the Synod of Virginia, made a report, when the records were approved.

Adjourned till this afternoon at half-past 3 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Thursday, half-past 3 *o'clock, P. M., May* 31*st.*

The Assembly met, and was constituted with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The committee on leave of absence, made the following report, which was approved, viz: That they have given leave to the following persons, viz: Messrs. Little, J. Platt, Woodruff, M'Coy, Joseph Morrison, and Dr. Spring.

The committee on Overture No. 7, viz. "A request from the Synod of Ohio to change the form of statistical reports from the Synods to the General Assembly," made the following report, which was adopted, viz: That inasmuch as the General Assembly has required all the Presbyteries, to send up their statistical reports immediately after the last stated meeting, prior to the next succeeding Assembly; and as these reports anticipate the information communicated in the Synodical reports, about a year, therefore,

Resolved, That each Synod shall not be required to report in detail, but simply to report to the Assembly, the number of its Presbyteries, and of the members and alterations of the Presbyteries, agreeably to the fifth section of chapter eleventh on Form of Government.

The committee to whom was referred Overture No. 5, viz. "On subscribing the Confession of Faith," made the following report, which was unanimously adopted, viz.

That in their judgment any further legislation on the subject, by the Assembly, would be unnecessary and inexpedient. They consider the formula contained in our book, and the rule adopted by the Assembly in 1830, viz., "that in their judgment every licentiate coming by certificate to any Presbytery in connection with the General Assembly, from any portion of a corresponding ecclesiastical body, should be required to answer in the affirmative, the constitutional questions directed by chapter fourteenth of our Form of Government, to be put to our candidates before they are licensed; and that in like manner every ordained minister of the gospel coming from any church in correspondence with the General Assembly by certificate of dismission and recommendation, should be required to answer affirmatively the first seven questions directed by chapter fifteenth of our Form of Government to be put to one of our own licentiates, when about to be ordained to the sacred office," (p. 12, 1830,) sufficiently explicit; and would earnestly recommend these to the attention of the Presbyteries under the care of the Assembly.

As to the question submitted to them, "whether the Catechisms, Larger and Shorter, are to be considered as a part of the *Standards* of our Church, and are comprehended in the words, Confession of Faith of this Church?" the committee feel no hesitation in answering that question in the affirmative. It does not appear, that any doubts on that subject have ever been entertained, until very recently. The committee find in the minutes of the old Synod, at the union of the Synod of Philadelphia with the Synod of New York, in 1758, that the first article of the Plan of Union contains the following words, (Digest, p. 118,) viz. "Both Synods, having always approved and received the Westminster Confession of Faith and Larger and Shorter Catechisms as an orthodox and excellent system of Christian doctrine founded on the word of God, we do still receive the same as the Confession of our Faith; and also the plan of worship, government, and discipline, contained in the Westminster Directory, strictly enjoining it on all our members, and probationers for the ministry, that they preach and teach according to the form of sound words in said Confession, and Catechisms, and avoid and oppose all error contrary thereto." In the recital of the manner in which a Presbytery was received by the Synod of New York, 1763, we have the following record which is contained in the Assembly's Digest, p. 50—"It was agreed to grant their request, provided

that they agree to adopt our Westminster Confession of Faith and Catechisms, and engage to observe the Directory as a plan of worship, discipline, and government, according to the agreement of this Synod."

In 1788, in the adopting act of the Confession, as entered in the Digest, p. 124, the Catechisms are distinctly mentioned as a part of our standards. "They also took into consideration the Westminster Larger and Shorter Catechisms, and having made a small amendment of the Larger, did approve, and do hereby approve and ratify the said Catechisms as now agreed on, as the Catechisms of the Presbyterian church in the said United States. And the Synod order that the said Directory and Catechisms be printed and bound up in the same volume with the Confession of Faith and the Form of Government and Discipline; and that the whole be considered as the standard of our doctrine, government, discipline, and worship, agreeably to the resolutions of the Synod at their present sessions"—one of which resolutions was, (p. 123,) "that the Form of Government and Discipline and the Confession of Faith, as now ratified, is to continue to be our constitution and the confession of our faith and practice unalterably, unless two-thirds of the Presbyteries under the care of the General Assembly shall propose alterations or amendments, and such alterations or amendments shall be agreed to and enacted by the General Assembly." Accordingly, in the Directory for the administration of baptism, the Larger and Shorter Catechisms of the Westminster Assembly are mentioned in connection with the Confession of Faith, as adopted by this Church, and are to be recommended as containing a summary of the principles of our holy religion, taught in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament.

The committee therefore recommend to the Assembly the adoption of the following resolutions, viz:—

1. *Resolved by the Assembly*, That in receiving and adopting the Confession of Faith, as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures, the Larger and Shorter Catechisms of the Westminster Assembly of Divines are included, and do constitute an integral part of the standards of this Church.

2. *Resolved*, That the use of the Catechisms in the religious instruction of the young and of the children under the care of the church be affectionately and earnestly recommended to the sessions in connection with the General Assembly, as the most effectual means, under God, of preserving the purity, peace, and unity of our church.

Mr. Robert J. Breckinridge asked leave to resign his appointment as a delegate to the General Association of Connecticut, and the General Conference of Maine. His resignation was accepted; and the Rev. James Weatherby was appointed a delegate to these bodies in his place.

Resolved, That the following rule be sent down to the Presbyteries for their consideration and decision, and they are hereby required to send up their decisions respectively, in writing, to the next General Assembly, whether the same shall become a constitutional rule or not, viz:—

When any emergency shall require a meeting of the Synod sooner than the time to which it stands adjourned, the Moderator, or in case of his absence, death, or inability to act, the stated Clerk shall, with the concurrence or at the request of three ministers and three elders, the ministers and elders being of at least two different Presbyteries, call a special meeting. For this purpose he shall send a circular letter, specifying the particular business of the intended meeting to every minister belonging to the Synod, and to the session (if practicable) of every vacant congregation; and between the time of issuing the letters of convocation and the time of meeting shall elapse at least twenty days. And nothing shall be transacted at such special meeting besides the particular business for which the judicatory has been convened. It shall also be the duty of the Moderator to cause notice to be given in the public prints of the time and place of such intended meeting of the Synod.

The judicial committee reported on the appeal of the Presbytery of Missouri from the decision of the Synod of Indiana, and recommended, with the consent of parties, the adoption of the following resolution, viz:—

Resolved, That the appeal of the Presbytery of Missouri, for the reasons therein detailed, be sustained, and that the decision of the Synod of Indiana therein appealed from be and it hereby is reversed. This resolution was adopted by the Assembly.

The committee to whom was referred the subject involved in so much of the records of the Synod of Cincinnati as relates to the admission of persons to church privileges at the great meetings common in that region, made the following report, which was adopted, viz:—

That they have given this subject a careful consideration, and recommend the adoption of the following resolutions, viz:—

Resolved, 1. That the order of the churches requires that all persons making a public profession of religion be introduced to the communion of the church only by an individual session regularly constituted.

Resolved, 2. That it is the right and duty of sessions to take the exclusive oversight of their respective congregations, and that the practice of one session admitting to a Christian profession persons belonging or intending to belong to a congregation under the care of another session, is irregular, and ought not to be countenanced.

Resolved, 3. That the purity and prosperity of the church, as well as the best interests of those immediately concerned, demand great circumspection in the admission of persons to church privileges; and that ordinarily it is deemed improper to receive persons immediately upon their indulging a hope of reconciliation with God, and especially in the case of the young, and of persons of previously immoral lives or lax principles, and of those concerning whom little is known.

The committee to whom was referred the report made to the last Assembly on the question, "Whether baptism by a Popish priest ought to be considered as valid?" together with the whole subject, made a report, which, together with the report made to the last Assembly, and the whole subject, was committed to Dr. Alexander, Dr. Richards, Dr. Baxter, Dr. Beman, and Dr. Robert G. Wilson, with directions to report to the next General Assembly.

The committee on overture No. 9, viz: "Advice asked respecting the following question of order by the Presbytery of Otsego, 'Is it contrary to chapter 17th, of the Form of Government, for a Presbytery to dissolve the connection between a minister and his congregation at the time when he presents his request for its dissolution, and the congregation joins issue by commissioners duly appointed for that purpose?'" made the following report, which was adopted, viz:—

Resolved, That it is not expedient for this Assembly to give a decided answer to the question; but to leave every Presbytery to act according to their own discretion in the premises.

The committee on milage reported, that the number of miles travelled by the Commissioners who have applied to draw from the Commissioners' Fund is 80,111, in coming to the Assembly; that the amount paid to the Treasurer for the Commissioners' Fund is $2221 16, which affords 2 cents and 7 mills for each mile travelled; and that they have divided the fund among the Commissioners at this rate. The report was adopted. Ordered that the Trustees issue a warrant upon the Treasurer for $2221 16, to be paid to the Commissioners, out of the Commissioners' Fund, agreeably to the apportionment of the committee of milage.

Resolved, That it be the order of the day for to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock, to receive the report of the Trustees of the General Assembly, directed by the

last Assembly. The permanent clerk was directed to inform the Board of Trustees of this resolution.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning, at half-past 8 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Friday morning, June 1st, half-past 8 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and was constituted with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The committee on leave of absence reported, that they have given leave to the following persons, viz: Messrs. Brewster and Purdy. This report was approved.

The committee of Overtures reported Overture No. 17, viz: on the subject of a Monthly Historical Journal. This report was put on the docket.

The committee to whom was recommitted the report of the committee on the reference from the Synod of Philadelphia, in relation to the right of Presbyteries to require every minister or licentiate coming from other Presbyteries, &c. to submit to an examination before he be received, with instructions to prepare a proposition on the subject, to be sent down to the Presbyteries, made a report. The minority of said committee also made a report. These reports were laid on the table.

The trustees of the General Assembly made the following report, viz:

"The trustees of the Assembly respectfully report, That in obedience to the resolution of the last General Assembly, they directed the treasurer to have prepared and presented to your venerable body at its present sessions, as full and complete a statement of the respective funds under the care of the trustees as is required by the said resolution, and to employ a clerk if necessary, so as to have it prepared in due season.

As soon as the Board commenced their annual sessions, they called upon the treasurer to know if the accounts were prepared. He reported, that he had placed the books in the hands of a respectable gentleman, who is an able accountant, to have the statements prepared, but that owing to other engagements of the gentleman so appointed, and the treasurer's feeble state of health for some time past, the entire work had not been accomplished. The statement of the accounts from June 26, 1799, to May 17, 1820, has been completed, and is now transmitted; the remaining period of twelve years is in progress, but cannot be furnished in time to be laid before the Assembly.

The trustees beg leave to present herewith, a statement of the amount of all the stocks and securities for money, belonging to the Assembly. The accounts of the treasurer as to receipts and disbursements, are annually examined, and found correct; and no difficulty exists in the account, except that in times past there were no specific accounts opened in the book with the several professorships and scholarships whereby it would appear at a single view, how these respective funds stood, and how they were invested.

The trustees have decided to place these accounts in the hands of a committee with full powers to have the work done, so that no more delay shall occur."

The above report was accepted, and the trustees are hereby directed to endeavour to complete this work, by the next General Assembly, and make a full report to that body.

Resolved, That the estimate of the present value of stock, &c., belonging to the General Assembly, accompanying the above report of the trustees, be published in the appendix to the minutes.

Resolved, That Messrs. Matthew L. Bevan, James Schott, and Solomon Allen, be a committee to examine the state of the funds belonging to, or under the control of this Assembly, or of its trustees, who are hereby authorized and

requested to examine the whole subject of the funds, with full powers, to examine all the books and papers relative thereto, to employ the necessary accountants, and to make report in detail and lay it before the next Assembly on the second day of their sessions.

The committee on Overtures No. 10 and 12, on various points of doctrine and order, reported that they had not been able to attend to the business committed to them. The committee were discharged; and the Overtures were referred to the next General Assembly.

The committee appointed to examine the records of the Synod of Pittsburgh, made a report, and the records were approved.

The committee on the History of the Presbyterian church were continued.

Resolved, That the Assembly will this year make no change in the Board of trustees of the General Assembly; nor in the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary at Princeton.

Resolved, That the trustees of the General Assembly be requested to borrow a sum of money sufficient to meet the contingent expenses of the current year.

Whereas the collections paid by the Presbyteries to the treasurer, are insufficient to meet the incidental expenses of the Assembly; and whereas the Assembly now owe for money already borrowed for this object near $4000; and the Assembly are under the necessity of borrowing a further sum this year, therefore,

Resolved, That it be again earnestly enjoined upon the Presbyteries to attend to the resolutions of the General Assembly of 1830, found in page 31, of the printed minutes of that year; and be careful to see that their congregations make the collection there recommended.

The report of the committee on the records of the Synod of Cincinnati, which was laid on the table, was taken up, and the records were approved, except a minute on page 9, respecting the division of the Presbytery of Cincinnati, which neglects to mention the names of the ministers who were to compose the new Presbytery.

Overture No. 13, viz: "On publishing a new edition of the Book of Discipline and Form of Government," was taken up, and referred to the next General Assembly.

The reports of the majority and minority of the committee to whom was recommitted the report of the committee on the reference from the Synod of Philadelphia, in relation to the right of Presbyteries to examine licentiates and ministers coming from other Presbyteries, before they be received, was taken up, and the whole subject was indefinitely postponed.

The stated clerk reported, that in conformity with a trust reposed in him, he had distributed the Constitution of the church, so far as the funds accruing from the publication of the same will at present allow, in the following manner, viz: to the Presbyteries of Susquehanna, Erie, Blairsville, Detroit, Portage, Huron, Columbus, Cleaveland, Richland, Athens, Cincinnati, Oxford, Salem, Madison, Crawfordsville, Kaskaskia, Indianapolis, Cortland, Muhlenberg, Tombigbee, Bethel, St. Louis, Missouri, St. Charles, Niagara, Buffalo, and Shiloh, five copies each; to the Presbytery of Trumbull, six; to the Presbytery of Sangamon, four; to those of Holston, French Broad, and Elizabethtown, one each; to those of Tabor, Onondaga, and Transylvania, two each; to those of Hopewell, North Alabama, and Union, three each; and to the Janitor of the Assembly, one.

Overture No. 17, viz: "On the subject of a Monthly Historical Journal," was taken up and read, and the following resolution was adopted, viz:

Resolved, That the General Assembly approve of the plan of publishing a Historical Journal, especially with a view to the preservation of documents and

information which are in danger of being lost; but they judge it inexpedient to incur any responsibility for the publication of such a periodical work. If, however, any person, or persons, should be disposed to enter on this enterprise, the General Assembly will cheerfully afford every facility to the editor or editors, to consult all the historical documents in their possession; and if such a work should be successfully prosecuted, they would be disposed to patronize it in such a way as might be judged expedient.

The appeal of Dr. James Snodgrass against a decision of the Synod of Pittsburgh was called up, and the appeal was dismissed on the ground that the appellant has not appeared, either in person or by proxy, to prosecute said appeal.

The Assembly, however, give to Dr. Snodgrass the privilege of prosecuting his appeal before the next General Assembly, if he can then show sufficient cause for its further prosecution.

The committee of overtures reported overture No. 18, viz: On the subject of the books, records, and papers of the late General Synod of the Associate Reformed Church. This overture was put upon the docket.

The committee appointed to draft a letter to the Synod of Ulster reported a letter, which was adopted, and ordered to be signed by the Moderator and Clerk, and transmitted by the stated clerk to the Synod of Ulster.

Ordered, that the letter from the Synod of Ulster, and the answer to the said letter, be printed in the Appendix to the Minutes.

Overture No. 18 was taken up, and the following resolution was adopted, viz:

Resolved, That the books, records, and other papers, late the property of the General Synod of the Associate Reformed Church, which were left in the charge of the Session of the Eighth Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia, subject to the order of the General Assembly, be committed for preservation to the stated clerk of the Assembly, who is hereby authorized to ask for and take charge of the same, wherever they may now be found.

The Rev. R. R. Gurley, General Agent of the American Colonization Society, by permission addressed the Assembly.

Adjourned till this afternoon at half-past 3 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Half-past 3 o'clock, P. M.

The Assembly met, and was constituted with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The committee appointed to draft a Pastoral Letter to the ministers and churches under the care of the Assembly, relative to the state of religion in our church at the present time, reported the draft of a letter, which was read and adopted, and ordered to be signed by the Moderator, and printed under the direction of the stated clerk, and sent to the churches.

The following accounts were presented, viz:—

For stationery, - - - - - - - - - - -	$ 6 60
To Permanent Clerk for services, - - - - - - -	42 00
To Janitor of First Church, where the Assembly commenced their sessions, for services, &c., - - - - - - -	10 78
To Janitor of the Seventh Church, for services, &c., - - -	43 13
	$102 51

The permanent clerk was directed to settle the above accounts, amounting to $102 51, by a draft on the Treasurer of the Trustees of the General Assembly, for the payment of which the Trustees are hereby directed to issue their warrant.

The Assembly having completed its business, the roll was called agreeably to

a standing rule, when it appeared that the following members were absent without leave, viz: Dr. Williams, Mr. Moses Hunter, Mr. Stanley, Mr. A. M'Cready, Mr. Thomas Anderson, Mr. J. M'Combs, Mr. Henry, and Mr. James Paxton.

Resolved, That this Assembly be dissolved, and that another Assembly, chosen in the same manner, be required to meet in the Seventh Presbyterian Church, in the city of Philadelphia, on the third Thursday in May, 1833, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

Concluded with prayer, singing, and the apostolic benediction.

PASTORAL LETTER.

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States to the Ministers and Churches under their care.

DEARLY BELOVED BRETHREN:

You will perceive by the narrative of the state of religion which we this year publish, that the God of all grace has been pleased, during the last year, to pour out more copiously of his blessed Spirit on the people of our denomination in this land, than perhaps in any period of equal extent in former times. For this signal and ineffable benefit we desire that you may unite with us in ascribing humble and fervent thanksgiving to Him from whom we have received this transcendent mercy, and "from whom cometh down every good and every perfect gift."

And suffer us to remind you, dear brethren, that one of the best and most acceptable expressions of gratitude to God for the unspeakable favour we have received is, to be exceedingly careful not to abuse it. It is of more importance than we know how to express that we should, together with much prayer for direction and aid from on high, use all our influence, and put forth our best efforts to preserve the glorious revivals of religion with which we have been blessed, from all that may mar their beauty and prevent their extension; and where anything of an injurious tendency has already taken place, that we should labour to correct the evil as speedily as possible.

Let it not be supposed, however, that we would willingly say anything that might encourage or countenance those who condemn all revivals of religion—condemn them because they may be attended by some errors and irregularities, which, it is readily admitted, ought to be deplored and avoided. Far, very far, be this from us. Those who cherish an aversion to revivals of religion, because they are accompanied by imperfections and are liable to abuse, should recollect that there is nothing with which the human powers and passions have to do, whatever be its general excellence, that is not open to the same objection. In revivals of religion in which there are confessedly some things to be lamented—as there was in the abuse of the miraculous gift of tongues in the primitive church of Corinth—there may still be numerous and sound conversions of sinners unto God; and "what is the chaff to the wheat, saith the Lord?" There remain in our land, and in our beloved church, many congregations, in which formality and a Laodicean spirit are mournfully prevalent. Little reason have they to felicitate themselves, that they are free from all the extravagancies which they censure in others, and which it is not denied do exist in certain places, and to a limited extent. Let them rather remember, that a congregation in which many souls are born into the kingdom of God, although some false pretensions to piety and some censurable practices appear, is on the whole, in a state infinitely preferable to that of a congregation in which hundreds are going quietly down to eternal perdition, and in which the wise virgins are slumbering and sleeping with the foolish. Let congregations of this latter description be ex-

horted to rouse themselves from their spiritual lethargy, make use of the means and efforts which God is wont to bless, and cry mightily to him, that they may partake in those gracious visitations with which others are so remarkably blessed and distinguished—partake of them, purified from all that is justly offensive either to God or man.

Having thus endeavoured to guard against a misconstruction of our purpose, we desire, with parental solicitude and affection, to caution and warn the ministers and churches of our communion, against some of the most common errors and improprieties, to which revivals of religion are exposed, and from which, we grieve to say, some of the congregations within our bounds cannot plead an entire exemption.

1. In a time of the revival of religion let it be remembered, that while all proper means are to be used to deepen and cherish serious impressions, and to awaken and alarm the sinfully secure, *an undue excitement should be carefully avoided.* Here is the fruitful source to which may be traced nearly all the abuses which so often mar, and deform, and bring into disrepute, the work of God, when sinners are awakened in clusters, and led to inquire with great anxiety what they must do to be saved. If, instead of distinguishing between deep, and genuine, and salutary convictions of sin, and the mere effusions of animal passions and nervous sensibility, the latter are encouraged and stimulated, as leading to a desirable issue, the most baneful effects are likely to ensue—effects, multiform in appearance and character, but in all, deplorable and pernicious. Therefore,

2. We advise, that with tenderness, but yet with unshaken firmness, *all bodily agitations and noisy outcries*, especially in worshipping assemblies, be discouraged, and as far as possible prevented. Inculcate the truth that every appearance of this description is a weakness, or an error, which, so far from promising anything beneficial, is likely to lead to the most disastrous results—so far from deserving to be cherished and applauded, is to be discountenanced and deprecated, and as speedily as may consist with Christian kindness and forbearance, entirely suppressed.

3. Guard against every species of *indecorum in social worship*—such, particularly, as is manifestly apparent, when several individuals pray, or exhort, or converse, at the same time. This is an irregularity pointedly rebuked and forbidden by the apostle Paul, in the xiv. chapter of his first epistle to the Corinthians; and his summary and repeated injunction is, "Let all things be done to edifying—Let all things be done decently and in order." But besides the particular irregularity specified, we would dissuade our brethren in the ministry and the eldership of our churches, from introducing or countenancing any practice in their public religious assemblies which savours of ostentation, or which may have a tendency to ulterior evils, that they would themselves deprecate and seek to avoid. We designedly leave this as a general but important monition; the application of which to particular instances or cases, our brethren must judge of for themselves.

4. There may be, in a revival of religion, *an excess of social meetings and exercises.* That such meetings should be frequent in the time of a revival, we not only admit but recommend. Yet it ought not to be forgotten, that they may be carried to a hurtful extreme; and such an extreme they certainly reach, when they encroach, to any considerable extent, on the ordinary duties of life; or when they leave very little time to the thoughtful and inquiring for private meditation, self-reflection and examination, secret prayer, reading the Holy Scriptures, and other books of instruction, direction, and serious exhortation, which, as they have opportunity, they ought to peruse.

5. *Meetings of pious women by themselves*, for conversation and prayer, whenever they can conveniently be held, we entirely approve. But let not the inspired prohibitions of the great apostle of the Gentiles, as found in his epistles

to the Corinthians and to Timothy, be violated. To teach and exhort, or to lead in prayer, in public and promiscuous assemblies, is clearly forbidden to women in the Holy Oracles.

6. *Let not the settled order of churches be disturbed.* Let official elders be respected, and in the absence of pastors or other authorized ministers of the gospel, let the elders, or deacons, or other Christians of standing and experience, rather than young converts, take the lead in the social exercises of religion.

7. *Listen to no self-sent or irregular preachers,* whatever may be their pretensions to knowledge, piety, and zeal.

8. Let no doctrine, inconsistent with the sacred scriptures as explained and summarily taught in *the doctrinal standards of our church,* be promulged and favoured in any of our churches. That the word of God contained in the Old and New Testaments, is the only infallible rule of faith and practice, is a sacred principle which we steadfastly maintain. But when almost every description of persons who profess any regard to Christianity, are ready to declare their adherence to the same principle, it becomes indispensable for Christians who would walk together in peace, and order, and comfort of the gospel, to state in what manner they understand the great truths of Divine revelation. This has been done by our church, in our Confession of faith and Catechisms; and he who teaches any doctrine plainly and palpably inconsistent with the evident meaning of these excellent formularies, should be regarded by Presbyterians as an *errorist,* whom they ought not to encourage, but to discountenance, reject, and avoid.

9. *Let not apparent converts be hurried into the church,* and brought to the table of the Lord, without a careful examination; nor, ordinarily, without a suitable period of probation, by which the reality of their religion may be better judged of than it can be by any sudden indications, however plausible.

Nothing is more directly calculated to injure ultimately the cause of God and the credit of our holy religion, than *urging or permitting individuals to make a public profession of religion,* as soon as they have experienced some serious impressions, and flatter themselves that they have been renewed in the temper of their minds. All experience shows that such persons often and speedily dishonour the profession, and not unfrequently become open apostates, and sometimes avowed infidels. We know and admit, that after all possible care which the churches can take, instances of deception will occur; for it is the prerogative of God only to search the heart. But to use all proper means to preserve the purity of the church, and save religion from reproach, is a sacred duty, incumbent on all church officers; and it is a duty which, when faithfully performed, will, to a great extent, secure its object—the church will rarely be disgraced by self-deceived hypocrites, and eventual apostates. As well might men pretend that no care should be taken to preserve their health, because disease cannot always and certainly be avoided, as that no care should be taken to preserve a sound state of the visible church, because its members and its ministers do in some instances, and in despite of all precaution, become profligates and a public scandal. Let the church do its duty, and leave the event to God.

10. Finally—let no *measures for the promotion of religious revivals* be adopted, which are not sanctioned by some example, or precept, or fair and sober inference, drawn from the word of God. This is a safe general rule, applicable to numerous particular cases, which we have neither time nor inclination to specify. Some variety of opinion will exist, and may lawfully and properly be indulged, in regard to the measures which are best calculated to produce revivals, and to conduct them, where they exist, to a happy result. But we earnestly counsel, that for every measure contemplated, a warrant be carefully and impartially sought in God's unerring word. If such a warrant can be fairly made out, let the measure be adopted; but otherwise, let it be promptly abandoned; for it must be remembered that the Bible contains not only a *safe,* but a *complete* rule of duty.

Thus, beloved brethren, we have raised our warning voice, to caution you against certain things, by which those displays of God's special grace which we denominate *revivals of religion*, may be clouded and counteracted; and the incalculable benefits which might otherwise be derived from them, may be finally and irretrievably lost. Let us receive instruction from past times—let us for a moment turn away our attention from all that is now passing in our country, to what was witnessed in the days of the celebrated evangelist Whitefield, and at a still later period, in the southwestern parts of our land.

In both these instances there was certainly a most powerful and promising religious awakening; and for a time the happiest effects were experienced. Numerous conversions of a solid and lasting character took place, and many and most desirable additions were made to the Church of Christ. But through the subtilty of Satan, and the inflamed and misguided passions of men, doctrines were at length taught and measures adopted—with a view, as it was loudly proclaimed, to promote and extend the revivals—which were speedily followed by the most disastrous consequences. The Holy Spirit was grieved away; excesses which shocked all sober minds succeeded; every form of fanaticism and religious error appeared; soon the passions, which had been raised to their highest tone, subsided into apathy and carelessness in regard to all religion; a season of the most lamentable spiritual declension and deadness followed; infidels multiplied, and infidelity proclaimed its triumphs; revivals of religion were reproached and ridiculed, and a deep prejudice against them was excited and fostered, which, in some places, and in many minds, has not yet been removed.

It is, dear brethren, to prevent the recurrence of such evils as these, that with great solicitude for your welfare, we entreat you to be on your guard. Think not that vigilance, caution, and prayer, in relation to the abuse of revivals, are superfluous. Hear, on this subject, the eminent and justly venerated President Edwards. He remarks, that in a time of revival the chief exertions of the great adversary will be likely to be made with the friends and promoters of the work, to drive them into such excesses and extravagances as shall ruin its credit, and ultimately bring all religion into disgrace. And in this his success will be rendered the more probable, if he can first persuade such persons that they are in no danger on that side. It was "while men slept" that the enemy came and "sowed tares;" not while they were in a state of indifference, but while they were not watching against his devices. It is not while men are in a state of indifference that the false conversions, represented by the tares, are brought in; but while men are asleep in a far different sense—while their passions are in such a state of excitement as blinds their minds to the danger. Then the great deceiver can work to the best advantage, both in promoting false conversions, and in leading into dangerous extremes those who are zealous promoters of the work.

Such is the monitory language of at once the most powerful defender of revivals of religion, and the ablest corrector of their abuses, which our country has ever seen. Let us hear and regard his voice, uttered as it is in concert with the voices of men the most distinguished for wisdom, piety, and prudence, from the period of the Protestant reformation to the present hour. Doing thus, and looking earnestly to our covenant-keeping God to crown our endeavours with success, it is scarcely too much to hope, that revivals of religion will spread throughout our whole land; and that their heavenly influence and lustre will continue and increase till they mingle with the noon-tide splendour of the millennial day.

Signed by order of the Assembly, JAMES HOGE, *Moderator.*

June 1, 1832.

STATISTICAL REPORT.

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America has under its care twenty-one Synods, comprising one hundred and ten Presbyteries, viz :—

1. The Synod of Albany, containing the Presbyteries of 1. Londonderry, 2. Newburyport, 3. Champlain, 4. Troy, 5. Albany, 6. Columbia.

II. The Synod of Utica, containing the Presbyteries of 1. St. Lawrence, 2. Watertown, 3. Oswego, 4. Oneida, 5. Otsego.

III. The Synod of Geneva, containing the Presbyteries of 1. Geneva, 2. Chenango, 3. Onondaga, 4. Cayuga, 5. Tioga, 6. Cortland, 7. Bath, 8. Angelica, 9. Delaware.

IV. The Synod of Genessee, containing the Presbyteries of 1. Genessee, 2. Ontario, 3. Rochester, 4. Niagara, 5. Buffalo.

V. The Synod of New York, containing the Presbyteries of 1. New York, 2. New York Second, 3. New York Third, 4. Hudson, 5. North River, 6. Bedford, 7. Long Island.

VI. The Synod of New Jersey, containing the Presbyteries of 1. Newark, 2. Elizabethtown, 3. New Brunswick, 4. Newton, 5. Susquehanna.

VII. The Synod of Philadelphia, containing the Presbyteries of 1. Philadelphia, 2. Philadelphia Second, 3. New Castle, 4. Lewes, 5. Baltimore, 6. The District of Columbia, 7. Carlisle, 8. Huntingdon, 9. Northumberland.

VIII. The Synod of Pittsburgh, containing the Presbyteries of 1. Allegheny, 2. Redstone, 3. Ohio, 4. Steubenville, 5. Erie, 6. Washington, 7. Hartford, 8. Blairsville.

IX. The Synod of the Western Reserve, containing the Presbyteries of 1. Grand River, 2. Portage, 3. Huron, 4. Trumbull, 5. Detroit, 6. Cleaveland.

X. The Synod of Ohio, containing the Presbyteries of 1. Columbus, 2. Richland, 3. Lancaster, 4. Athens.

XI. The Synod of Cincinnati, containing the Presbyteries of 1. Chillicothe, 2. Miami, 3. Cincinnati, 4. Oxford.

XII. The Synod of Indiana, containing the Presbyteries of 1. Salem, 2. Madison, 3. Vincennes, 4. Crawfordsville, 5. Indianapolis.

XIII. The Synod of Illinois, containing the Presbyteries of 1. Illinois, 2. Kaskaskia, 3. Sangamon.

XIV. The Synod of Missouri, containing the Presbyteries of 1. Missouri, 2. St. Louis, 3. St. Charles.

XV. The Synod of Kentucky, containing the Presbyteries of 1. Louisville, 2. Muhlenberg, 3. Transylvania, 4. West Lexington, 5. Ebenezer, 6. Tabor.

XVI. The Synod of Virginia, containing the Presbyteries of 1. Winchester, 2. East Hanover, 3. West Hanover, 4. Lexington.

XVII. The Synod of North Carolina, containing the Presbyteries of 1. Orange, 2. Fayetteville, 3. Concord.

XVIII. The Synod of Tennessee, containing the Presbyteries of 1. Abingdon, 2. Union, 3. Holston, 4. French Broad.

XIX. The Synod of West Tennessee, containing the Presbyteries of 1. West Tennessee, 2. Shiloh, 3. North Alabama, 4. Western District.

XX. The Synod of South Carolina and Georgia, containing the Presbyteries of 1. South Carolina, 2. Bethel, 3. Hopewell, 4. Charleston Union, 5. Harmony, 6. Georgia.

XXI. The Synod of Mississippi and South Alabama, containing the Presbyteries of 1. Mississippi, 2. South Alabama, 3. Tombigbee, 4. Clinton.

SUMMARY VIEW OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, FOR 1832.

PREPARED BY THE STATED CLERK OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

NAMES OF PRESBYTERIES.	Ministers.	Licentiates.	Candidates.	Churches.	Com. added on examination.	Com. added on certificate.	Total now in Communion.	Adults baptized since last report.	Infants baptized since last report.	Total of Baptisms.	Missionary Funds raised.	Funds for Commissioners.	Theologiecl Seminary Funds raised.	Education Funds raised.	Contingent Fund of the General Assembly.
Londonderry,	17			11	473	22	1922	86	161	247	$322 41	$16 90			
Newburyport,	9	8		3			296								
Champlain,	17	3	5	17	512	41	1771	200	139	339	35 81	29 31			
Troy,	26	2		29	828	93	4098	261	207	468	3090 05	70 35		$1471 10	$51 64
Albany,	39	5	16	36	688	143	6078	242	248	490	2871 19	120 40	$ 22 00	2066 36	20 96
Columbia,	26	5	6	18	541	40	2004			311		53 00			
Watertown,	17	1	4	28	696	105	2627	268	117	385	376 37	31 14		246 87	5 00
St. Lawrence,	10			9	112	36	832	51	45	96	239 00	6 00		237 00	
Oswego,	9			28	374	109	1900	88	88	212	444 32	10 73		98 03	
Oneida,	43	7	2	39	658	187	5444	214	210	424	3677 18	63 47		1425 23	7 56
Otsego,	7	1	1	15	357	39	1653	118	133	258	1052 62	35 00		1011 00	8 75
Chenango,	17	2		19	567	70	1889	158	164	322	473 53	21 44	50 00	221 92	
Delaware,	8			14	585	61	1580	226	136	357	1212 00	11 00	13 00	533 75	
Cortland,	12			15	455	55	1968	93	75	168	458 37	5 06	106 00	135 00	
Onondaga,	20	1	1	26	670	136	2866	239	200	439	624 10	29 00		674 45	
Cayuga,	29	8	6	32	1007	205	4187	304	277	581	1586 19	46 00	1555 75	396 50	1 00
Tioga,	17	2	5	17	350	60	1816	112	94	206	500 25	24 62	312 50	369 00	
Geneva,	31	2	2	32	1721	283	4848	532	384	984	5579 70	37 28	914 50	1535 50	
Bath,	16	3	1	29	598	127	1906	154	132	286	436 07	34 03		260 00	
Angelica,	10	1		17	226	81	797	42	48	90	54 68	9 77		11 80	
Ontario,	20	1		22	409	62	1639	126	92	218	288 64	22 00		491 00	
Rochester,	22	3	3	20	613	217	2713	223	168	391	3104 76	49 56	41 50	2461 61	
Genessee,	21			23	171	52	968			194	80 95	16 62		227 35	
Niagara,	11	1		17	561	50	1293	230	127	373	574 27	19 95			
Buffalo,	28		2	39	742	267	2445	238	235	475	1259 14	52 85		248 00	
Hudson,	22	2	2	29	550	73	3713	200	134	334	60 00			100 00	
North River,	15	2	6	18	355	48	2081	158	74	232	229 87	13 00	85 00	120 79	2 35
Bedford,	13		2	15	235	12	1062	135	56	191	331 38	29 64		111 19	7 50
Long Island,	17		2	18	437	22	1827	142	97	239	167 47	34 89		25 00	7 34
New York,	29	4	6	13	451	181	5151	130	238	368	7368 50	114 92	200 00	3084 00	8 25
New York 2d,	8			5	20	25	931	2	28	30	415 00	30 00		560 00	28 50
New York 3d,	25	9		14	720	364	3657			324		67 92			
Newark,	25	3	1	24	350	122	4582	92	235	337		49 55		105 81	49 52
Elizabethtown,	17	4	7	17	272	64	3555	122	145	267	622 28	43 26		755 57	43 25

New Brunswick,	25	12	9	19	259	44	2560	122	124	246	$912 70	$64 49		$228 21	$42 21	
Newton,	19	3	2	31	398	35	3105	113	209	322	325 46	29 52		36 08	25 17	
Susquehanna,	13			30	300	57	1591	99	118	217	398 48	30 39		133 50	2 00	
Philadelphia,	35	9	5	36	302	103	4406	207	91	298	2485 63	62 64	$ 3 00	7509 00	14 52	
Philadelphia 2d,	16	1		14	642	113	3899	272	186	458	5081 38	108 00	550 72	5703 50	10 00	
New Castle,	26	4	4	37	849	56	4612	249	305	539	1799 70	31 00		709 75	33 46	
Lewes,	5	1		16	25	5	592	2	51	53	35 00	23 70	5 00	15 00	20 00	
Baltimore,	13	4	3	5	83	32	1172	3	67	70	1629 75			1386 50		
District of Columbia,	10	4	3	9	274	16	1146	39	74	118	343 93	38 00	92 00	173 50		
Carlisle,	27	3	4	31	692	35	4869	80	257	337	1660 22	48 00		1113 55	29 70	
Huntingdon,	15	1	3	31	241	52	3415	20	295	315	438 19	46 00		604 84		
Northumberland,	13	2		22	168	11	1854	28	140	168	213 00	42 60	5 00			
Allegheny,	12			32	76	35	2058	15	145	160	59 84	51 10	72 39	36 76	1 12	
Erie,	14	2		34	639	35	2600	176	176	452	217 38	43 96		90 37		
Hartford,	14		1	34	104	77	2945	17	220	237	99 73	140 54	110 25	10 00		
Redstone,	12	1		26	321	57	2521	75	277	352	369 65	58 58	464 00	35 25		
Steubenville,	15		1	27	350	144	2500	66	402	468	341 74	103 00	170 75	73 00		
Washington,	19	3	3	24	323	80	3212	105	285	390	536 97	109 25	649 00	582 61	1 00	
Ohio,	26	5	9	26	309	186	3421	53	290	343	1155 69	184 76	2215 95	1129 34		
Blairsville,	12		1	24	183	54	3116	24	257	281	147 80	50 75	203 94	121 81		
Detroit,	13			14	32	41	505	11	20	31						
Grand River,	21	1		29	382	99	1650	94	126	222	203 64	14 11		1149 00		
Portage,	17	1		23	404	123	1579	68	186	254	699 48	26 61	10 00	585 95	50	
Huron,	15			18	137	89	691	55	104	159	55 00	17 41				
Trumbull,	9			17	188	18	769	30	52	92	104 46	14 58		66 00		
Cleaveland,	17		2	24	320	101	1087	80	117	197	474 06	35 37		127 00		
Columbus,	13	2	11	30	252	85	1848			228	104 53	65 20		206 95		
Richland,	15	2		40	224	114	2655	41	258	299	239 48	67 58		53 40	22 88	
Lancaster,	15	1		35	275	79	2086	72	188	260	582 00	76 50		554 25	5 00	
Athens,	13	2		18	168	50	1098	44	74	110	318 25	12 75		181 75		
Miami,	14	1		24	307	97	2164	184	63	247	507 12	95 37	130 00	236 50	17 87	
Chillicothe,	16	1	2	22	400	77	2425	78	154	222	316 19	61 40		262 56		
Cincinnati,	32	1	2	31	351	111	3347	152	192	344	442 11	51 74	379 50	779 70		
Oxford,	15	1		24	182	84	1192			189	114 56	58 95		31 62		
Salem,	6	1		16	65	25	804			54	50 25	23 62	33 50	96 00		
Madison,	8	1	5	13	101	15	765	27	79	108	119 12	19 37	38 75	82 62		
Vincennes,	8	1		19	69	29	726	15	44	59	9 50	50		8 50		
Crawfordsville,	10			17	54	52	632	16	54	70	56 48	59 66				
Sangamon,	7			7	38	69	275			40	3 00	11 00		9 00		
Kaskaskia,	10			19	72	58	555	11	48	59	69 50	20 60		110 00		
Indianapolis,	9			19	53	32	563	13	54	67	51 92	5 62	57 00	12 00		
Illinois,	10			7	40	105	308	16	13	29	6 00	12 43		146 62		

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Missouri,	4			8	18	33	185	4	20	24		$10 00			
St. Louis,	5		2	7	160	34	549	47	40	87	$174 31	21 72	$450 00	$728 00	
St. Charles,	5			10	63	41	277	31	38	69					
Louisville,	12	2		19	37	26	1186	10	35	45	256 75	43 37		677 78	
Muhlenberg,	7		1	22	28	5	626	2	6	8	15 00	8 37		6 50	
Transylvania,	16	4		22	67	18	2328	23	73	96	162 07	97 73	105 00	446 00	
West Lexington,	15	4		16	85	37	1198	34	67	101	179 25	115 00		223 68	
Tabor,	7			13	37	16	935	14	35	49	173 50	30 00		233 00	
Ebenezer,	8		3	17	96	10	1251	54	58	112	172 81	50 00		23 00	$5 50
Winchester,	14		1	22	231	7	1482	44	83	127	197 43	56 12	22 00	170 45	8 00
East Hanover,	10	2	4	9	151	17	1094	43	68	111	2048 81	58 25	681 78	1142 20	19 40
West Hanover,	27	11	8	33	586	36	2180	194	104	298	891 47	86 50	280 25	265 00	
Lexington,	26	5	7	37	1324	58	4587	280	418	698	995 32	196 50	376 28	152 96	24 00
Orange,	28	3	3	35	498	23	2083	213	139	352	451 81	127 61	890 00	579 39	
Fayetteville,	12	4	8	41	270	14	2694	35	230	265	118 00	82 00		5 00	
Concord,	18	2	2	47	261	18	3334	34	256	290	317 00	54 00	10 00	137 00	
Abingdon,	7			11			716		2	2					
Union,	25	3	7	29	338	39	2520	55	215	270		25 00			
Holston,	8		2	14	86		1941	15	33	48	178 00	5 00			
French Broad,	7			10	63	7	910	12	34	36					
West Tennessee,	11			17	42	10	965	6	24	30	107 00				
Western District,	13	2		20	67		564	7	44	51	60 65	42 53			
Shiloh,	10	1	5	23	268	11	1195	70	53	123	64 50	63 00		522 81	
North Alabama,	11	2	4	15	68	21	632	15	77	92	146 25	55 68		849 68	
South Carolina,	13	1	2	29	168	16	2567	54	147	201	260 75	70 75		472 25	
Bethel,	8	1	1	19	113	11	1781	25	180	205	29 50	24 00	21 50	34 12	
Hopewell,	29	2	7	54	347	109	1886	146	216	363	209 00	23 00		9 80	
Charleston Union,	15	2		5	70	2	827	33	24	57					
Harmony,	18			25	229		2020	75	107	182	735 00	105 00	805 00	214 00	10 00
Georgia,	8			5	41	6	268			36	150 00	30 00		200 00	
Mississippi,	14		4	23	60	24	658			187	414 81	104 00		100 00	21 87
South Alabama.	19	3		32	277		1462	96	131	227	157 72	101 91		264 50	12 00
Tombigbee,	7			10	21		580	21	7	28		47 56			
Clinton,	6			5	34	8	150			33	50 00	5 00		100 00	
Totals, 110	1730	205	220	2381	34160	6886	217348	9650	13246	24703	$69231 70	$4954 11	$12132 81	$50932 94	$567 83

Since the last annual report the following twenty-one Ministers of the Gospel in the Presbyterian Church have departed this life, viz.

Rev. Nelson Higley, Samuel Tomb, of the Presbytery of Troy; Daniel Nash, Watertown; Aaron Putnam, Tioga; Stalham Clary, Geneva; Francis Cummins, D. D., Hopewell; Samuel Fordham, Nicholas A. Wilson, Elizabethtown; Robert Roy, New Brunswick; Joseph Sanford, Henry Hotchkiss, Philadelphia; Ebenezer Dickey, D. D., New Castle; Joseph Patterson, Ohio; Ralph Cushman, Cincinnati; Benjamin Irvine, Transylvania; John H. Rice, D. D., West Hanover; John M. Wilson, D. D., Concord; James Stephenson, D. D., Obadiah Jennings, D. D., West Tennessee; Hugh Caldwell, Harrison Allen, Tombigbee.

1833.

PHILADELPHIA, May 16, 1833.

THE General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, in the United States of America, met agreeably to appointment, in the Seventh Presbyterian Church, in the city of Philadelphia, Thursday, May 16th, 1833, at 11 o'clock, A. M., and was opened with a sermon by the Rev. James Hoge, D. D., the Moderator of the last Assembly, from Ephesians v. 25–27: "Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; that he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word; that he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish."

After public worship the Assembly was constituted with prayer.

The Standing Committee of Commissions reported that the following persons present have been duly appointed Commissioners to this General Assembly, viz.:—

PRESBYTERY OF LONDONDERRY—*Minister*—Rev. Zedekiah S. Barstow. *Elder*—Mr. John Holmes.

PRESBYTERY OF NEWBURYPORT—*Minister*—Rev. Sylvester G. Pierce. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF CHAMPLAIN—*Ministers*—Rev. Ezra D. Kinney, Solomon Lyman. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF ALBANY—*Minister*—Rev. Ebenezer Cheever. *Elder*—Mr. Henry Doolittle.

PRESBYTERY OF TROY—*Ministers*—Rev. Nathan S. S. Beman, D. D., Reuben Smith, Edwards A. Beach. *Elders*—Mr. John C. Parker, William M. Bliss.

PRESBYTERY OF COLUMBIA—*Ministers*—Rev. Leonard B. Van Dyke, Calvin Durfee. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF WATERTOWN—*Minister*—Rev. James R. Boyd. *Elder*—Mr. George Camp.

PRESBYTERY OF ST. LAWRENCE—*Minister*—Rev. Frederick E. Cannon. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF OSWEGO—*Minister*—Rev. Robert W. Condict. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF ONEIDA—*Minister*—Rev. Samuel Whittlesey. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF OTSEGO—*Minister*—Rev. George Spalding. *Elder*—Mr. John Moore.

PRESBYTERY OF CHENANGO—*Minister*—Rev. Isaac N. Sprague. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF DELAWARE—*Minister*—Rev. Harper Boice. *Elder*—Mr. Joseph A. Crane.

PRESBYTERY OF CORTLAND—*Minister*—Rev. Isaac F. Adams. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF ONONDAGA—*Minister*—Rev. Ebenezer C. Beach. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF CAYUGA—*Ministers*—Rev. Daniel C. Axtell, Nathaniel E. Johnson. *Elder*—Mr. William Brown.

PRESBYTERY OF TIOGA—*Ministers*—Rev. Charles White, Peter Lockwood. *Elder*—Mr. Joseph M. Smith.

PRESBYTERY OF GENEVA—*Ministers*—Rev. Stephen Porter, Samuel W. Whelpley, Eli F. Adams. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF BATH—*Ministers*—Rev. Ethan Pratt, Marshal L. Farnsworth. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF ANGELICA—*Minister*—Rev. Abel Caldwell. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF ONTARIO—*Minister*—Rev. John Walker. *Elder*—Mr. Ezra Walker.

PRESBYTERY OF ROCHESTER—*Ministers*—Rev. Luke Lyons, William C. Wisner. *Elder*—Mr. Azel Ensworth.

PRESBYTERY OF GENESSEE—*Minister*—Rev. John Shearer. *Elder*—Mr. John McPherson.

PRESBYTERY OF NIAGARA—*Ministers*—Rev. Joseph Myers, Herman Halsey. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF BUFFALO—*Ministers*—Rev. Sylvester Eaton, Thompson S. Harris, David D. Gregory. *Elders*—Mr. Lemuel Johnson, Dr. Daniel Rumsey.

PRESBYTERY OF HUDSON—*Ministers*—Rev. Daniel T. Wood, Methuselah Baldwin. *Elder*—Mr. James W. Wilkin.

PRESBYTERY OF NORTH RIVER—*Ministers*—Rev. Isaac C. Beach, Milton Buttolph. *Elder*—Mr. Robert Wilkinson.

PRESBYTERY OF BEDFORD—*Minister*—Rev. George Stebbins. *Elder*—Dr. Matson Smith.

PRESBYTERY OF LONG ISLAND—*Minister*—Rev. Jonathan Hunting. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF LONG ISLAND, (2*d.*)—*Minister*—Ithamar Pillsbury. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF NEW YORK—*Ministers*—Rev. Gardiner Spring, D. D., Robert McCartee, D. D., Elias W. Crane. *Elder*—Mr. Gaius Fenn.

PRESBYTERY OF NEW YORK, (2d.)—*Minister*—Rev. Benjamin H. Rice, D. D. *Elder*—Mr. Samuel Boyd.

PRESBYTERY OF NEW YORK, (3d.)—*Ministers*—Rev. Henry White, Herman Norton, Henry G. Ludlow. *Elders*—Mr. Richard T. Haines, Charles Starr, Oliver Wilcox.

PRESBYTERY OF NEWARK—*Ministers*—Rev. Cyrus Gildersleeve, Gideon N. Judd, George Pierson. *Elders*—Mr. William Gould, Moses Dodd, Robert B. Canfield.

PRESBYTERY OF ELIZABETHTOWN—*Ministers*—Rev. John McDowell, D. D., Holloway W. Hunt. *Elders*—Mr. Job Squier, Mr. Henry Sloan.

PRESBYTERY OF NEW BRUNSWICK—*Ministers*—Rev. George S. Woodhull, Henry Perkins. *Elders*—Mr. John Huff, James Seabrook.

PRESBYTERY OF NEWTON—*Ministers*—Rev. Jehiel Talmage, Joseph Campbell. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF MONTROSE—*Minister*—Rev. Joel Campbell. *Elder*—Mr William Jessup.

PRESBYTERY OF PHILADELPHIA—*Ministers*—Rev. Ashbel Green, D. D., William Latta, George Junkin, Samuel G. Winchester. *Elders*—Mr. Alexander Symington, James Algeo, Thomas Kerr.

PRESBYTERY OF PHILADELPHIA, (2d.)—*Minister*—Rev. Ezra Stiles Ely, D. D. *Elders*—Mr. Ambrose White, David H. Mason.

PRESBYTERY OF NEW CASTLE—*Ministers*—Rev. John M. Dickey, Robert Graham, Joseph Barr. *Elders*—Mr. Samuel Dickey, Dr. N. W. Semple.

PRESBYTERY OF LEWES—*Minister*— Rev. John Mitchelmore. *Elder*—Mr. Robert Hunter.

PRESBYTERY OF BALTIMORE—*Ministers*—Rev. William Nevins, James G. Hamner. *Elder*—Mr. Archibald George.

PRESBYTERY OF DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA—*Ministers*—Rev. James Laurie, D. D., John C. Smith. *Elder*—Mr. Otho Magruder.

PRESBYTERY OF CARLISLE—*Ministers*—Rev. Robert Kennedy, Daniel McKinley, Robert McCachren *Elders*—Mr. John Kennedy, Isaiah Graham.

PRESBYTERY OF HUNTINGDON—*Ministers*—Rev. John Hutchinson, Samuel Wilson. *Elders*—Mr. Henry Long, Lewis H. Williams.

PRESBYTERY OF NORTHUMBERLAND—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—Mr. Peter Pursel.

PRESBYTERY OF ALLEGHENY—*Minister*—Rev. John Munson. *Elder*—Mr. Benjamin Gardner.

PRESBYTERY OF ERIE—*Ministers*—Rev. Samuel Tait, James Alexander. *Elder*—Mr. David Derrickson.

PRESBYTERY OF HARTFORD—*Minister*—Rev. William Nesbit. *Elders*—Mr. John Nesbit, Jonathan Hamilton.

PRESBYTERY OF REDSTONE—*Minister*—Rev. Ashbel G. Fairchild. *Elder*—Dr. Hugh Campbell.

PRESBYTERY OF STEUBENVILLE—*Ministers*—Rev. John Rea, William Wallace. *Elder*—Mr. Andrew Eagleson.

PRESBYTERY OF WASHINGTON—*Ministers*—Rev. John Stockton, David Hervey. *Elder*—Mr. Jacob Slagle.

PRESBYTERY OF OHIO—*Ministers*—Rev. John Andrews, Robert Patterson, Alfred Hamilton. *Elders*—Mr. Robert Highlands, John McDowell.

PRESBYTERY OF BLAIRSVILLE—*Ministers*—Rev. Samuel Montgomery, Samuel Swan. *Elders*—Mr. John Cunningham, Samuel Marshall.

PRESBYTERY OF DETROIT—*Ministers*—Rev. Noah M. Wells, Ira M. Weed. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF GRAND RIVER—*Ministers*—Rev. Ward Childs, Dexter Witter. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF PORTAGE—*Ministers*—Rev. John Seward, Harvey Coe. *Elders*—Mr. William F. Ostrom, Jabez Hamlin.

PRESBYTERY OF HURON—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—Mr. Philo Wells.

PRESBYTERY OF TRUMBULL—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF CLEAVELAND—*Ministers*—Rev. Simeon Woodruff, Daniel W. Lathrop. *Elders*—Mr. Amzi Babbit, Henry Brown.

PRESBYTERY OF COLUMBUS—*Minister*—Rev. James Hoge, D. D. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF RICHLAND—*Ministers*—Rev. Henry Hervey, Samuel Cleland. *Elders*—Mr. David Moore, Stephen Coe.

PRESBYTERY OF LANCASTER—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF ATHENS—*Ministers*—Rev. Samuel Newbery, Peter Kimball, *Elder*—Mr. William Slocomb.

PRESBYTERY OF CHILLICOTHE—*Minister*—Rev. John Rankin. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF MIAMI—*Ministers*—Rev. Joseph Stephenson, James Coe. *Elder*—Dr. John Steele.

PRESBYTERY OF CINCINNATI—*Ministers*—Rev. Franklin Y. Vale, Thomas Cole, Alex. T. Rankin. *Elder*—Mr. Henry Hagaman.

PRESBYTERY OF OXFORD—*Minister*—Rev. Archibald Craig. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF SALEM—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF MADISON—*Minister*—Rev. James H. Johnston. *Elder*—Mr. Victor King.

PRESBYTERY OF VINCENNES—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF CRAWFORDSVILLE—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF SANGAMON—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF KASKASKIA—*Minister*—Rev. John Montgomery. *Elder* None.

PRESBYTERY OF INDIANAPOLIS—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF ILLINOIS—*Ministers*—Rev. Benoni Y. Messenger, Elisha Jenny. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF MISSOURI—*Minister*—Rev. William P. Cochran. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF ST. LOUIS—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF ST. CHARLES—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF LOUISVILLE—*Minister*—Rev. George W. Ashbridge. *Elder*—Mr. Cyrus Talbot.

PRESBYTERY OF MUHLENBERG—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF TRANSYLVANIA—*Ministers*—Rev. John Howe, John L. Yantis. *Elder*—Mr. John Barret.

PRESBYTERY OF WEST LEXINGTON—*Minister*—Rev. Samuel Steel. *Elders*—Mr. John Brown, Thomas T. Skillman.

PRESBYTERY OF EBENEZER—*Minister*—Rev. Andrew Todd. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF WINCHESTER—*Minister*—Rev. William Henry Foote. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF EAST HANOVER—*Ministers*—Rev. William S. Plumer, Jonathan Silliman. *Elder*—Mr. James Gray.

PRESBYTERY OF WEST HANOVER—*Minister*—Rev. Jacob D. Mitchell. *Elders*—Dr. William P. Mosely, Thomas S. McClelland.

PRESBYTERY OF LEXINGTON—*Minister*—Rev. John Mark Fulton. *Elder*—Mr. William Anderson.

PRESBYTERY OF ORANGE—*Ministers*—Rev. Nehemiah H. Harding, Hiram P. Goodrich, Daniel A. Penick. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF FAYETTEVILLE—*Minister*—Rev. Thomas P. Hunt. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF CONCORD—*Minister*—Rev. Andrew Y. Lockridge. *Elder*—Mr. George Andrews.

PRESBYTERY OF ABINGDON—*Minister*—Rev Dougald McIntyre. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF UNION—*Ministers*—Rev. Gideon S. White, Thomas Brown. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF HOLSTON—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF FRENCH BROAD—*Minister*—Rev. Nathaniel Hood. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF WEST TENNESSEE—*Minister*—Rev. Edmund Lanier. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF WESTERN DISTRICT—*Minister*—Rev. R. H. Chapman, D. D. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF SHILOH—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF MISSISSIPPI—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF NORTH ALABAMA—*Minister*—Rev. Edward McMillan. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of Tombigbee—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.
Presbytery of Clinton—*Minister*—Rev. Peter Donan. *Elder*—None.
Presbytery of South Carolina—*Minister*—Rev. Isaac Waddell. *Elder*—None.
Presbytery of Bethel—*Minister*—Rev. John B. Davies. *Elder*—None.
Presbytery of Hopewell—*Minister*—Rev. Samuel K. Talmage. *Elder*—None.
Presbytery of Charleston Union—*Minister*—Rev. W. A. M'Dowell, D. D. *Elder*—None.
Presbytery of Harmony—*Minister*—Rev. Robert W. James. *Elder*—None.
Presbytery of Georgia—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.
Presbytery of South Alabama—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.
General Association of Connecticut—Rev. Edward Bull, James Kent, John H. Hunter.
General Association of Massachusetts—Rev. Leonard Withington, George Allen.
General Association of New Hampshire—Rev. Nathaniel Bouton.
General Convention of Vermont—None.
General Synod of Reformed Dutch Church—Rev. Isaac Ferris.
General Synod of German Reformed Church—None.
General Conference of Maine—None.
Evangelical Consociation of Rhode Island—Rev. Oliver Brown.

The committee further reported, that the commissions from the Second Presbytery of New York have not the signature of the Moderator; and that the Rev. Robert W. Condit, of the Presbytery of Oswego; the Rev. Samuel Whittlesey, of the Presbytery of Oneida; the Rev. Samuel Montgomery, of the Presbytery of Blairsville; the Rev. William S. Plumer, of the Presbytery of East Hanover; the Rev. Thomas P. Hunt, of the Presbytery of Fayetteville, have represented to the committee that they were regularly appointed by their respective Presbyteries, but had not their commissions to present.

Mr. Junkin, Mr. Whelpley, and Mr. William Anderson, were appointed a committee of elections.

The cases of the persons claiming seats without having produced regular commissions were referred to this committee.

The Assembly had a recess until this afternoon at half-past 3 o'clock.

After the recess the Assembly met.

The committee of elections reported that they have examined the cases of the commissioners referred to them, when it was resolved, that they all be admitted as members, and their names be enrolled in the list of members reported by the committee of commissions.

The Assembly proceeded to the choice of a Moderator and a temporary clerk, when the Rev. Dr. William A. M'Dowell was unanimously elected Moderator, and the Rev. Sylvester Eaton was elected temporary clerk.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Friday morning, May 17th, 9 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and was constituted with prayer.

The minutes of yesterday were read.

The committee of commissions reported the following additional members, who appeared and took their seats, viz: Rev. Samuel Miller, D. D., from the Presbytery of New Brunswick; Frederick K. Nash, a ruling elder from the Presbytery of Orange; Rev. John Wright, from the Presbytery of Lancaster; Rev. Ova P. Hoyt, and Ammi Doubleday, a ruling elder from the Presbytery

of Oneida; John Moore, a ruling elder from the Presbytery of Otsego; Harry Morgan, a ruling elder from the Presbytery of Susquehanna; Rev. Albert Barnes, from the Second Presbytery of Philadelphia; Israel Williams, a ruling elder from the Presbytery of Albany; John C. Clark, a ruling elder from the Presbytery of New Castle; and Dr. James Jones, a ruling elder from the Presbytery of East Hanover.

The committee also reported that the Rev. Daniel Barber, from the Presbytery of Northumberland, had informed them that he was appointed a commissioner, but had not his commission with him. The case of Mr. Barber was referred to the committee of elections.

The minutes of the last General Assembly, agreeably to a standing rule, were distributed among the members by the stated clerk.

The committee of elections reported in favour of receiving Mr. Barber, and he was accordingly received a member of the Assembly.

Resolved, That as a standing rule of the Assembly a committee of five be appointed, whose duty it shall be to consider all applications for leave of absence, with power to decide on the same, in place of the house; and with instructions to require in every case satisfactory reasons for the necessity of such absence, and report to the house, at the commencement of every session, the members so dismissed; and that an appeal to the Assembly may be made in any instance of refusal on the part of the committee to grant the application.

Dr. M'Cartee, Mr. Lyons, Mr. Plumer, Mr. Gray, and Mr. Squier, were appointed this committee.

Dr. Hoge, Dr. Chapman, Mr. E. W. Crane, Mr. Nevins, Mr. Kent, Mr. Wm. Brown, Mr. Haines, Dr. Steele, and Mr. Andrews, were appointed a committee of overtures, to meet in this house upon the rising of the Assembly this morning, and afterwards on their own adjournments.

Dr. Beman, Mr. Joseph Campbell, Mr. Latta, Mr. Jessup, Mr. Boyd, and Dr. H. Campbell, were appointed a judicial committee.

Resolved, That it be the order of the day for Monday next to receive communications on the state of religion.

Mr. Henry White, Mr. S. K. Talmage, Mr. Judd, Mr. Ferris, and Mr. Withington, were appointed a committee to prepare a general narrative of the state of religion.

Mr. Symington, Mr. A. White, and Dr. Mosely, were appointed a committee to receive an account of the miles travelled by the commissioners to the Assembly, and to make an apportionment of the commissioneers' fund, agreeably to the standing rule on the subject.

Dr. J. M'Dowell, Dr. Spring, and Dr. Laurie, were appointed a committee to make arrangements for the religious services of Wednesday next.

The following committees were appointed to examine the Synodical Records, viz:—

Records of the Synod of Albany, Dr. Rice, Mr. Waddell, and Mr. J. W. Wilkin.

Records of the Synod of Utica, Mr. J. B. Davies, Mr. Lockridge, and Mr. Andrews.

Records of the Synod of Geneva, Mr. Gildersleeve, Mr. Fairchild, and Mr. M. Dodd.

Records of the Synod of Genessee, Mr. Woodhull, Mr. F. Y. Vail, and Mr. Slocomb.

Records of the Synod of New York, Mr. Lathrop, Mr. Perkins, and Mr. Canfield.

Records of the Synod of New Jersey, Mr. James, Mr. Axtell, and Mr. J. M. Smith.

Records of the Synod of Philadelphia, Mr. R. W. Condict, Mr. Murray, and Dr. M. Smith.

Records of the Synod of Pittsburgh, Mr. Penick, Mr. R. Smith, and Mr. Camp.

Records of the Synod of Western Reserve, Mr. Norton, Mr. Coe, and Dr. Steele.

Records of the Synod of Ohio, Mr. John M. Dickey, Mr. Myers, and Mr. Sloan.

Records of the Synod of Cincinnati, Mr. Junkin, Mr. Whelpley, and Mr. Kerr.

Records of the Synod of Indiana, Mr. Ludlow, Mr. Hunt, and Mr. Huff.

Records of the Synod of Illinois, Mr. Stebbins, Mr. Pratt, and Mr. E. Walker.

Records of the Synod of Missouri, Mr. Harris, Mr. Pierson, and Mr. Gould.

Records of the Synod of Kentucky, Mr. Barr, Mr. Van Dyke, and Mr. S. Dickey.

Records of the Synod of Virginia, Mr. Jehiel Talmage, Mr. Lockwood, and Mr. McPherson.

Records of the Synod of North Carolina, Mr. Barstow, Mr. Whittlesey, and Mr. Camp.

Records of the Synod of Tennessee, Mr. Hunting, Mr. J. Rankin, and Mr. Babbit.

Records of the Synod of West Tennessee, Mr. McKinley, Mr. Cleland, and Mr. Moore.

Records of the Synod of South Carolina and Georgia, Mr. Mitchelmore, Mr. Cole, and Mr. Wells.

Records of the Synod of Mississippi and South Alabama, Mr. Pierce, Mr. Wisner, and Mr. Seabrook.

Dr. Miller, Dr. Spring, Mr. Goodrich, and Dr. Laurie, were appointed a committee to prepare a draught of a letter to the General Assembly of the church of Scotland, with a view of commencing a correspondence with that body.

Resolved, That the stated clerk have printed and distributed among the members a sufficient number of lists of the names of the members; and also the names of the members of the several committees appointed by the Assembly.

Resolved, That Dr. Green, Dr. Rice, and Mr. Allen, be a committee to consider the expediency of appointing a special season of *fasting*, *humiliation*, and *prayer*, in relation to the conversion of the world to God; and if they deem it expedient, to name a certain day, and report a suitable minute on the subject to be sent to the churches.

Resolved, That the same committee consider and report on the resolutions lately adopted by the American Bible Society, concerning the supply of the accessible reading population of the globe with the holy Scriptures within a definite time.

Dr. Ely, Mr. Durfee, and Mr. Jessup, were appointed a committee to receive the reports of the Presbyteries on the proposed amendments to the constitution, and submit the results to the Assembly.

Dr. Green, Dr. Beman, Dr. Laurie, and Mr. Boyd, were appointed a committee to prepare a draught of a letter to the United Secession Church of Scotland, with a view of commencing a correspondence with that body.

The committee appointed by the last General Assembly to examine into the state of the funds belonging to, or under the control of the Assembly, or its trustees, made a report which was put upon the docket.

Nominations were made for delegates to attend the several ecclesiastical bodies with which the Assembly hold correspondence.

A letter was received from the Congregational Union of England and Wales, which was read:

Resolved, That Dr. McCartee, Mr. Lathrop, and Mr. Hamner be a committee to answer the above letter.

The stated clerk presented a letter from the Rev. C. Cailliatte in behalf of the Rev. Colany Nee, of France, which was read.

Resolved, That Mr. R. Smith, Mr. E. W. Crane, and Mr. S. K. Talmage, be a committee to answer the above letter.

Adjourned to meet this afternoon at half-past 3 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Friday afternoon, half-past 3 o'clock.

The Assembly met agreeably to adjournment and began with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The Committee of Commissions reported the following additional members, who appeared, and took their seats, viz: Rev. Benjamin C. Cressy, from the Presbytery of Salem; Rev. Samuel W. Brace, from the Presbytery of Cayuga; Mr. Benedict Brooks, a ruling elder, from the Presbytery of Genessee; Rev. Thomas M. Smith, from the Presbytery of Columbia; Rev. Elisha Yale, and Rev. James Wood, from the Presbytery of Albany; Rev. Nathaniel S. Smith, from the Presbytery of Oneida; and the Rev. John W. Irwin, from the Presbytery of Watertown.

The committee also reported that Mr. Erastus Upson, a standing committeeman, from the Presbytery of Oswego, had been appointed a member of this body. A motion was made to refer this case to the committee of elections, which was negatived.

It was then resolved, that Mr. Upson have leave to withdraw his application.

The Assembly proceeded to the election of delegates to corresponding bodies. The ballots, being taken, were committed to Mr. E. F. Adams, Mr. Beach, and Mr. Thomas P. Hunt, to count and report the result to the Assembly.

The permanent clerk reported, that there have been put into his hands the following items of judicial business, viz: "A complaint of the Second Presbytery of Philadelphia against the Synod of Philadelphia;" "A complaint of Rev. E. W. Gilbert against the Synod of Philadelphia;" "A remonstrance of the Synod of Philadelphia;" "Complaint of the Rev. Messrs. Robert Cathcart, George Duffield, and E. W. Gilbert, against the Synod of Philadelphia;" "A complaint of John Cochran, against the Eighth Presbyterian church, in Philadelphia;" "An appeal by Dr. James Snodgrass from a decision of the Synod of Pittsburgh;" "Resolutions and complaint of West Lexington Presbytery, and also an answer to the dissent and complaint of Messrs. Campbell, Taylor and others;" "Complaint of the Synod of Cincinnati;" "Complaint of Samuel Lowry against the Synod of Cincinnati;" and "A memorial from the Presbytery of Indianapolis." The above papers were put into the hands of the judicial committee.

The delegates to the General Association of New Hampshire, the General Convention of Vermont, and the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch church, reported respectively, and their reports were accepted.

The committee of Overtures reported Overtures, No. 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, which were put on the docket.

Overture No. 1, viz. A proposition from the Presbytery of Chillicothe for an amendment to the constitution, in relation to the division of Presbyteries, was taken up and committed to Dr. Spring, Mr. Nevins, and Mr. Sprague.

Overture No. 2, viz: the following question, "Is it lawful and consistent with the order of our church for an ecclesiastical court to re-consider and set aside its own decision in a case of discipline, after a lapse of five or six years from the time the decision was made, and after the court has so changed that many of its members were not members at the time of the decision; and when no new testimony is proposed?" was taken up and committed to Dr. Miller, Mr Barnes, and Mr. M'Intyre.

Overture No. 3, viz. A question from the Presbytery of Bethel, respecting holding communion with the followers of Wm. C. Davis, a deposed minister, and calling themselves Independent Presbyterians, was taken up, and after some discussion,

The Assembly adjourned till to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Saturday, May 18, 9 *o'clock, A. M.*

The Assembly met, and began with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The committee of commissions reported the following additional members, who appeared and took their seats, viz: Sturley Cuthbert, a ruling elder from the Presbytery of Washington; Ezekiel Ross, a ruling elder from the Presbytery of Cincinnati; Rev. John T. Hargrave, from the Presbytery of Union; Rev. Alexander B. Corning, from the Presbytery of Onondaga; Rev. Robert Davidson, from the Presbytery of West Lexington; Rev. Thomas Fraser, from the Presbytery of Albany; and the Rev. John Richards, from the General Convention of Vermont.

The committee appointed to count the votes for Delegates to corresponding bodies made a report, when it appeared that the following persons are duly elected, viz:—

Rev. Benjamin H. Rice, D. D., Rev. Henry G. Ludlow, and Rev. Robert McCartee, D. D., to attend the General Association of Connecticut.

Rev. Benjamin H. Rice, D. D., and the Rev. Henry G. Ludlow, to attend the General Association of Massachusetts.

Rev. Benjamin H. Rice, to attend the Evangelical Consociation of Rhode Island.

Rev. R. McCartee, D. D., to attend the General Conference of Maine.

Rev. James Patterson, to attend the General Association of New Hampshire, and the General Convention of Vermont, and the Rev. Reuben Smith, to be his alternate.

Rev. Gardiner Spring, D. D., and Samuel Boyd, ruling elder, to attend the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church; and the Rev. Benjamin F. Staunton to be the alternate of Dr. Spring, and Ananias Platt, ruling elder, to be alternate to Mr. Boyd.

Rev. William Henry Foote and Rev. George Junkin, to attend the Synod of the German Reformed Church; and Rev. David H. Riddle, to be alternate to either of them who may fail.

Resolved, That it be the order of the day for Thursday next, at 9 o'clock, to receive the reports of committees on Synodical Records.

The Assembly resumed the unfinished business of last evening, viz: overture No. 3—and after considerable discussion, it was committed to Dr. Hoge, Dr. Chapman, and Mr. James.

Overture No. 4, viz: "A reference from the Presbytery of West Tennessee, requesting an answer to the two following questions, viz: 1. What are the nature and duties of the office of *Deacons?* 2. What is the Scriptural and appropriate mode of ordination?" was taken up, and after some discussion, committed to Mr. Beach, Mr. Vail, and Mr. Hoyt.

The stated clerk presented to the Assembly, in behalf of the General Associations of Connecticut, Massachusetts, and New Hampshire, of the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church, and of the General Convention of Vermont, the minutes of those several bodies, which the stated clerk was ordered to distribute among the members after the rising of the Assembly this morning.

The stated clerk also presented, in behalf of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, 150 copies of their 23d annual report, which were ordered to be distributed in like manner.

Overture No. 5, viz: An application from the Presbytery of Newton for leave to receive Mr. Alexander Macklin, a foreign licentiate, was taken up, and committed to Mr. Foote, Mr. Cheever, and Mr. James Wood.

Mr. Cooley, a Delegate to the Evangelical Consociation of Rhode Island, and to the General Associations of Connecticut and Massachusetts, made a report, which was accepted.

The Synod of the Western Reserve, agreeably to the directions of the last Assembly, made a report on the points stated in the minutes of the last Assembly, which report was read and committed to Dr. McCartee, Mr. Judd, and Mr. Haines.

The committee of overtures reported overtures Nos. 6 and 7, which were put on the docket.

Adjourned till Monday morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Monday morning, May 20, 9 *o'clock.*

The Assembly met, and began with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The committee of commissions reported the following additional members, who appeared and took their seats, viz: John Selover, a ruling elder from the Presbytery of Bath; John Hatmaker, a ruling elder from the Presbytery of Geneva; George R. King, a ruling elder from the Presbytery of Newton; Rev. Joseph M. Sadd, from the Presbytery of St. Louis, and Charles J. Davis, a ruling elder from the Presbytery of Philadelphia.

The order of the day, viz: Receiving reports from the Presbyteries on the state of religion, was taken up; when it was resolved to dispense with the reading of these reports. The Presbyteries were called, and the reports were handed to the committee appointed to draw up a narrative. The reports from the bodies in correspondence with the Assembly were read and referred to the same committee.

The committee appointed to make arrangements for the religious exercises of Wednesday made a report, which was read and adopted, and is as follows, viz:

1. That it be recommended to the members of the Assembly to spend from 8 till 9 o'clock in the morning in private devotion.

2. That at 10 o'clock, the Assembly, together with such other persons as may choose to meet with them, convene in the place of their regular sessions, and engage in devotional exercises, as follows: viz. 1. A statement of the object of the meeting, and an introductory prayer, by the Moderator. 2. Reading a portion of Scripture, and giving out a psalm or hymn, by Rev. Dr. Green. 3. Prayer by Rev. N. Bouton. 4. Exhortation by Dr. Miller. 5. Psalm or hymn and prayer by Dr. Chapman. 6. Reading the Scriptures and a psalm or hymn by Dr. Hoge. 7. Exhortation by Rev. Henry White. 8. Prayer by Rev. S. Eaton. 9. Exhortation by Rev. Wm. Nevins. 10. Prayer by Rev. Isaac Ferris. 11. Psalm or hymn, with the doxology and benediction, by the Moderator.

The Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary at Princeton made their annual report, which was accepted, and committed to Mr. Winchester, Mr. Axtell, Mr. J. Talmage, Mr. Nash, and Mr. Squier.

Nominations were made to fill the vacancies in the Board of Directors; and it was made the order of the day to proceed to the election to-morrow morning.

The committee, to whom was referred Overture No. 1, viz. A proposition from the Presbytery of Chillicothe for an amendment to the Constitution, in relation to the division of Presbyteries, made the following report, which was adopted, viz. That in their judgment the Constitution of the Church is suffi-

ciently explicit on this subject; and recommend that the consideration of the overture be indefinitely postponed.

The committee of overtures reported Overtures No. 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12, which were put upon the docket.

Overture No. 8, viz. An overture from the Presbytery of Orange, respecting an addition to statistical reports, was taken up, and after some discussion, the further consideration of this overture was indefinitely postponed.

Overture No. 6, viz. An overture from the Synod of Virginia, in relation to Presbyterial reports to Synods, was taken up, and referred to the Stated Clerk to report thereon.

Overture No. 7, viz. An overture from the Presbytery of Baltimore, in relation to the practice of inferior judicatories carrying appeals and complaints directly to the General Assembly, without first bringing them to their respective Synods; was taken up, and committed to Mr. Cressy, Mr. T. M. Smith, and Mr. Wilkinson.

Overture No. 9, viz. A remonstrance from the Presbytery of Philadelphia against the act of the last Assembly, dividing the said Presbytery, was taken up, and after being read, was laid on the table.

Overture No. 10, viz. An application for a new Synod, to be composed of the Presbyteries of East Hanover, Baltimore, and District of Columbia, and to be called the Synod of Chesapeake, was taken up, and after some discussion,

The Assembly adjourned till half past 3 o'clock, this afternoon. Concluded with prayer.

Monday, half-past 3 o'clock, P. M.

The Assembly met agreeably to adjournment, and began with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The Assembly resumed the consideration of Overture No. 10, viz. The erection of a new Synod, to be called the Synod of Chesapeake. After considerable discussion, it was resolved that the application be granted; and that a new Synod be, and hereby is erected, to be called the Synod of Chesapeake, and to be composed of the Presbyteries of the District of Columbia, Baltimore, and East Hanover.

Resolved, That the Synod of Chesapeake hold its first meeting in Georgetown, in the District of Columbia, on the 4th Thursday of December next, at 11 o'clock, A. M., and be opened with a sermon by the Rev. Stephen B. Balch, D. D., or in case of his absence or inability to act, by the next oldest minister present.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Tuesday morning, May 21, 9 o'clock.

The Assembly met and began with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The committee of Commissions reported the following additional members, who appeared and took their seats, viz. Adrian Van Sinderen, a ruling elder, from the Presbytery of New York; the Rev. John J. Pierce, from the Presbytery of Muhlenberg; the Rev. Isaac Van Tassel, from the Presbytery of Huron; Christopher Van Arsdale, an elder, from the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church; Rev. David Root, from the Presbytery of Londonderry; and Peter B. Harris, a ruling elder, from the Presbytery of Missouri.

The committee also reported the Rev. Dennis M. Winston, from the Presbytery of Georgia, whose commission wants the signature of the Moderator. On motion, it was resolved, that Mr. Winston be admitted a member of the Assembly.

The trustees of the Theological Seminary at Princeton made their annual

report, which was accepted, and ordered to be printed in the appendix to the minutes.

Resolved, That there be appropriated annually a sum sufficient to pay the salaries of the Professors, as fixed by the Assembly.

The Assembly, agreeably to the order of the day, proceeded to the election of Directors of the Theological Seminary at Princeton. The ballots were taken and committed to Mr. Samuel Steel, Mr. Fairchild, and Mr. Pierson, to count them and report the result to the Assembly.

The Directors of the Union Theological Seminary made their annual report, which was accepted, and ordered to be printed in the appendix to the minutes of the Assembly.

The committee, to whom was referred Overture No. 5, made the following report, which was adopted, viz. The subject of the overture is the case of Mr. Alexander Macklin, a licentiate, from the Presbytery of Belfast in Ireland, who desires to be received into connection with the Presbyterian church of the United States of America, and under the care of the Presbytery of Newton. The credentials produced in the case of Mr. Macklin are such as are required by the regulations relating to foreign ministers and licentiates in the Digest, part xi., chap. 1, sect. 1. The extracts from the records of the Presbytery of Newton, and the documents accompanying, show that the proceedings of Presbytery in the case have also been according to the above mentioned regulations. The committee therefore recommend that Mr. Alexander Macklin be received into connection with the Presbyterian church, and under the care of the Presbytery of Newton.

Resolved, That it be the order of the day for to-morrow afternoon to receive the report of the Board of Education, and also the report of the Board of Missions.

The committee on Overture No. 7, viz. An overture from the Presbytery of Baltimore, in relation to the practice of inferior judicatories in carrying appeals and complaints directly to the General Assembly, without first bringing them to their respective Synods, made the following report, which was adopted, viz. That the constitution of our church is so explicit that it requires no order of the Assembly in relation to the case brought to view in this overture.

The judicial committee reported the complaint of the Second Presbytery of Philadelphia against the Synod of Philadelphia. and also the complaint of Messrs. Robert Cathcart, George Duffield, and E. W. Gilbert, against the Synod of Philadelphia, as in order; and reported also an order to be pursued in prosecuting these complaints.

Resolved, That these complaints be referred to a select committee, to endeavour to effect a compromise, if practicable, between the parties concerned.

Dr. Spring, Dr. Hoge, Mr. Ludlow, Mr. Jessup, and Mr. Wilkinson, were appointed this committee.

The Assembly united in prayer for the divine direction and blessing upon this committee, and the parties concerned in these complaints.

The Judicial Committee reported on the petition and remonstrance of the Synod of Philadelphia against the last General Assembly's proceedings in relation to the Second Presbytery of Philadelphia. This paper was referred to the same committee of compromise.

The Judicial Committee further reported the complaint and petition of E. W. Gilbert, in behalf of himself and the Hanover Street Church of Wilmington, Delaware, against the Synod of Philadelphia, as in order, and reported an order of proceeding to be followed, in case the complaint is taken up. This complaint also was referred to the same committee of compromise.

The Judicial Committee further reported on a paper purporting to be a complaint of the Synod of Cincinnati, remonstrating against the division of Presby-

teries on the principle of elective affinity. This paper was also committed to the same committee of compromise.

The Judicial Committee further reported the complaint of Messrs. Campbell, Taylor, and others, against certain acts of the Presbytery of West Lexington, as regular; and recommended an order to be pursued in hearing said complaint. This report was adopted and put on the docket. The judicial committee further reported on the memorial and petition of certain ministers and elders of the churches belonging to the Presbytery of Indianapolis. This memorial and petition was referred to Dr. Miller, Mr. J. C. Smith, and Mr. Foote.

Resolved, That Overture No. 9, viz. A remonstrance of the Presbytery of Philadelphia against the act of the last General Assembly dividing the said Presbytery, be referred to the committee of compromise.

Overture No. 11, viz. A petition from the Presbytery of Watertown, that the 1st Monday in January be recommended to be observed annually as a day of concert in prayer for the conversion of the world, was taken up and committed to the committee already appointed on the recommendation of a day of fasting and prayer for the conversion of the world.

Overture No. 12, viz. A petition of the Presbytery of Abingdon to be detached from the Synod of Tennessee, and to be annexed to the Synod of Virginia, was taken up and committed to Dr. Rice, Dr. Chapman, and Mr. Lathrop.

A written communication from the Female Benevolent Society of New York was received and read. A request was made that the Rev. John R. McDowall, the agent of said Society, be permitted to address the Assembly in behalf of the Society. *Resolved*, That this request be granted. Mr. McDowall was then heard.

After which, it was resolved, that the General Assembly highly approve of the memorial presented by the Female Benevolent Society of New York; and that it be recommended to the pastors and elders of the churches in our connection, and those respectable denominations who hold correspondence with us, to use a careful and judicious influence, to aid the respectable females of their congregations in proper efforts to stay the contemplated moral plague from among the people.

Resolved, That the Assembly will this afternoon attend the anniversary of the American Sunday School Union.

The committee appointed to consider the expediency of appointing a special season of *fasting*, *humiliation*, and *prayer*, in relation to the conversion of the world to God, &c., and to whom was also committed Overture No. 11, made a report, which being read and amended, was adopted, and is as follows: viz.

The General Assembly, deeply impressed by the signs of the times, in which they are called as office-bearers in the Church of Christ, to take an active part in the recommendation and prosecution of measures for the spread of the gospel, judge it to be weightily incumbent on them to call the special attention of the churches and people under their care to this most important and interesting concern. It is believed, that no well informed Christian, who seriously and impartially contemplates the aspect and movements of Protestant Christendom at the present time, can resist the conviction, that the prophetic annunciations, relative to the latter day glory of the Church militant, are rapidly tending to their accomplishment. The various indications which point to such a conclusion, the Assembly deem it unnecessary to recite. They are public and palpable, and very many of our people, with an exemplary zeal and liberality, have connected themselves with the institutions and operations which concentrate their influence, like so many different rays of light, in one common and glowing point, to scatter the moral darkness of the world, and introduce the dawn of the millennial day. Among the indications of the most auspicious character, the Assembly reckon the general concert for prayer, which, for a considerable time

past, has been observed by the friends of evangelical truth, and benevolent Christian enterprise, in the four quarters of the earth. At the meeting of the General Assembly of the last year, an additional measure was adopted, in compliance with overtures from various quarters, calling for the public designation of a day to be observed by all Christians throughout the world, as a day of fasting and prayer for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the whole family of man. For this purpose, the first Monday of January last was accordingly designated; and it is understood that the day was observed, both in the old world and in the new, with much solemnity, and in many instances with a sacred pleasure and humble hope in God, the recollection of which is still delightful and animating. This General Assembly, therefore, do earnestly recommend to all the churches and people under their pastoral superintendence, to continue the observance of the same day of the coming year, and for the same purpose as that to which the specified day of the present year was set apart. Let the whole of the first Monday of January, 1834, be observed as a season of special prayer—of united, fervent, believing prayer, for the conversion of the world to God. And if it be thus observed, prayer will of course be accompanied with deep humiliation—with a sincere prostration of soul before the holy and all-seeing God, in view of personal guilt, and of the sin of the Christian world in so long neglecting to obey, as they ought to have done, one of the last commands of their redeeming God, before he ascended to his throne in the heavens, to disciple all nations, and to preach the gospel to every creature—to send the messages of salvation to the perishing millions of the unevangelized world. And the Assembly would earnestly recommend that this observance be connected with *fasting*, and abstinence from secular labour. The great *spiritual* object is an union of hearts, and of unfeigned, ardent, and repeated aspirations, supplications, and intercessions at the throne of eternal mercy, through the prevalent intercession of the great Mediator and Advocate of his people there, that the Holy Spirit may come down in a copious effusion of his special, new-creating, soul-saving influence, for the conversion of the world to God—for the consolation, encouragement, and abundant success of the missionaries who are now in the field of labour; for raising up, qualifying, sending forth, and blessing the labours of additional missionaries—a host of apostolic, devoted, self-sacrificing men, into all heathen lands, and all destitute portions of lands already partially gospelized; for enlightening, directing, and animating all missionary associations, and for a special benediction on all Theological Seminaries, Colleges, Academies, common and Sabbath schools; for the translators of the Holy Scriptures, and for all Bible and Tract societies and distributors; for inclining the minds of the whole Christian community to devote a liberal portion of the worldly substance which God has given them, for the promotion of his cause, and the building up of his kingdom on the ruins of Satan's empire; and generally for a rich divine blessing on all the benevolent and Christian associations, plans, and exertions which characterize and are the glory of the day in which we have our lot in life.

In regard to supplying the accessible reading population of the globe with the Holy Scriptures, within a definite period, which is now in the contemplation of the American Bible Society, the Assembly recommend the subject to the serious consideration of the religious denomination to which they belong. The Assembly have no hesitation in urging on their fellow Christians, the importance of renewed, increased, and vigorous exertions in support of the Bible cause. The world will never be converted to God, till all kindreds, people, and tongues, that are found on the face of the earth, shall read or hear in their own language the wonderful displays of the divine wisdom, goodness, and mercy in the plan of man's redemption, by the incarnation, obedience, sufferings, and death of the Lord Jesus Christ, as made known in the volume of inspired truth. The spe-

cial efforts for supplying the United States with the sacred Scriptures seem to have terminated, as many apprehended they would, in a state of apathy or inaction, as if a season of rest and remissness might lawfully follow the accomplishment of so great a work. This is an error which must be strenuously resisted. The work of translating, printing, and distributing the Bible is scarcely more than commenced. Could the great and noble object contemplated by our national Bible Society be fully achieved, millions of additional copies of the Scriptures would speedily be necessary to meet the wants of new converts from heathenism and the increasing population of the earth. American Christians ought not to think of relaxing, while they live, their efforts for multiplying the copies of the oracles of God, nor of abating the importunity of their prayers, that these oracles may be rendered, by the Spirit that indited them, the power and the wisdom of God unto salvation, to all who read or hear them.

Resolved, That the ecclesiastical bodies in correspondence with the General Assembly, and other Christian denominations, generally both in our own and other lands, be respectfully requested to unite in the observance of the day above specified

The committee appointed to count the votes for directors of the Theological Seminary, reported, when it appeared that the following persons are elected for three years, viz.

Ministers—John McDowell, D. D., Ezra Stiles Ely, D. D., Ashbel Green, D. D., Benjamin H. Rice, D. D., William B. Sprague, D. D., Albert Barnes, Mark Tucker, D. D.

Elders—Samuel Bayard, Benjamin Strong, Ambrose White.

Adjourned for business until to-morrow afternoon at half-past 3 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Wednesday afternoon, May 22d, half-past 3 o'clock.

The Assembly met according to adjournment, and began with prayer.

The Committee of Commissions reported the following additional members, who appeared and took their seats, viz: Rev. Enoch Kingsbury, from the Presbytery of Crawfordsville; Rev. Wells Andrews, from the Presbytery of Trumbull; and William Gordon, a ruling elder, from the Presbytery of Albany.

This morning was spent in religious exercises, agreeably to the report of the committee of arrangements.

The committee, to whom was referred the complaint of the 2d Presbytery of Philadelphia against the Synod of Philadelphia; and also the complaint of Robert Cathcart, George Duffield, and E. W. Gilbert, against the Synod of Philadelphia; also the complaint of E. W. Gilbert, in behalf of himself and the Hanover street church of Wilmington, Delaware, against the Synod of Philadelphia; and also the remonstrance and petition of the Synod of Philadelphia; and also the remonstrance of the Presbytery of Philadelphia, both against proceedings of the last General Assembly in relation to the 2d Presbytery of Philadelphia; together with the complaint of the Synod of Cincinnati on the same subject, reported that they have had an interview with several members of the 2d Presbytery of Philadelphia; and subsequently with the Presbytery itself on the subject of their complaint against the Synod of Philadelphia; and that they have also had an interview with *thirty-one* members of the Synod of Philadelphia, assembled at the request of the committee; that after a free conference with both these parties, during which the subject of their conference was treated with much tenderness and Christian affection, the committee are enabled to recommend to the Assembly the following resolution, viz.

Resolved, That the complainants in these cases have leave to withdraw their complaints, and that the consideration of all the other papers relating to the 2d Presbytery of Philadelphia be indefinitely postponed.

The above report was approved, and the resolution unanimously adopted.

The Assembly then united in prayer, returning thanks to God, for his goodness in bringing this matter to such an amicable adjustment.

The Board of Education made their annual report—which was read, accepted and committed to Dr. Spring, Dr. Hoge, and Mr. Nevins.

Mr. Bliss had leave of absence.

Resolved, That it be made the order of the day for to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock, to receive the report of the trustees of the General Assembly in relation to the funds.

The Board of Missions made their annual report which was read, accepted, and committed to Mr. J. Campbell, Mr. S. K. Talmage, and Mr. Craig.

The Stated Clerk, to whom was committed Overture No. 6, from the Synod of Virginia, reported the following resolution, which was adopted, viz.

Resolved, That the standing rule of the Assembly on the subject of the reports of Presbyteries to their respective Synods, contained on page 84 of the Digest, be, and the same is hereby repealed; and hereafter Presbyteries are required to make no other reports to Synods than such as are required by chap. x. sec. 9. in the Form of Government, and these in as general terms as that article of the Constitution will allow.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Thursday morning, May 23d, 9 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and began with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The committees appointed to examine the Records of the Synods of Utica, Genessee, Pittsburgh, Ohio, Indiana, Missouri, Kentucky, Virginia, North Carolina, Tennessee, South Carolina, and Georgia, and Albany, reported respectively, and the records were approved.

The committee appointed to examine the records of the Synod of Philadelphia made a report, when it was resolved, that the records be approved, it being understood that in this resolution, the Assembly, from considerations of discretion and peace, pass no judgment on the proceedings of the Synod in the case of the Second Presbytery of Philadelphia.

The committees appointed to examine the Records of the Synods of Geneva, New Jersey, Cincinnati, Illinois, West Tennessee, and Mississippi, and South Alabama, reported respectively, that the records have not been put into their hands. *Resolved*, That the committees be discharged.

The committee appointed to examine the records of the Synod of New York reported, that the business of the Synod appears to be very loosely done, and carelessly recorded—examples of which are found on pages 259, 260, 264, 267, 271, 273, 276, &c. And on page 277, it appears that the Synod decided that the death of Rev. Mr. Griffith should be no bar in the way of the prosecution of an appeal by his prosecutor from the decision of the Presbytery of Bedford acquitting Mr. Griffith. With these exceptions, the committee recommended that the records be approved. Their report was adopted.

The committee to examine the records of the Synod of the Western Reserve reported, and their report was laid on the table.

The committee appointed to receive the returns from the Presbyteries, on the proposed alterations in the Constitution, and to state the results, made the following report which was adopted, viz.

There are *one hundred and eleven* Presbyteries, of which 56 are requisite to authorize any alteration of the Constitution: *forty-six* Presbyteries appear to have voted for, and *seventeen* against, the proposed article relative to the calling of special meetings of Synod, which proposed amendment is of course not adopted:

That *twenty* Presbyteries have voted in favour of a Synodical representation

in the General Assembly; and that *sixty-seven* Presbyteries have voted in favour of the proposed increase in the ratio of Presbyterial representation. *Three* Presbyteries have voted against any change; and *one* for such an alteration as the Assembly has never proposed.

The Committee therefore recommend that the Assembly, in conformity with the authority thus constitutionally intrusted to them, should adopt the following Minute, viz:

Resolved, That the 2d Section of the 12th Chapter of the Form of Government be, and the same is hereby so amended as to read thus—The General Assembly shall consist of an equal delegation of bishops and elders from each Presbytery in the following proportion, viz: each Presbytery, consisting of not more than twenty-four ministers, shall send one minister and one elder; and each Presbytery, consisting of more than twenty-four ministers, shall send two ministers and two elders, and in like proportion for every twenty-four ministers in every Presbytery: and these delegates so appointed shall be styled Commissioners to the General Assembly.

Resolved, That the several synodical committees, which may hereafter authorize the publication of any edition of the Constitution, be charged with inserting the foregoing alteration.

Inasmuch as no decision has been made by a majority of the Presbyteries, on the proposed amendment to the Constitution, sent down by the last Assembly, in relation to the calling of special meetings of Synod, *Resolved*, that it be again sent down to the Presbyteries for their consideration and decision, and they are hereby required to send up their decisions respectively in writing, to the next General Assembly, whether the same shall become a constitutional rule or not, viz:

When any emergency shall require a meeting of the Synod sooner than the time to which it stands adjourned, the Moderator, or in case of his absence, death, or inability to act, the Stated Clerk shall, with the concurrence, or at the request of three ministers and three elders, the ministers and elders being of at least two different Presbyteries, call a special meeting. For this purpose, he shall send a circular letter, specifying the particular business of the intended meeting, to every minister belonging to the Synod, and to the session (if practicable) of every vacant congregation; and between the time of issuing the letters of convocation and the time of meeting shall elapse at least twenty days, and nothing shall be transacted at such special meetings besides the particular business for which the Judicatory has been convened. It shall also be the duty of the Moderator to cause notice to be given in the public prints of the time and place of such intended meeting of the Synod.

The Trustees of the General Assembly made a detailed report on the state of the funds, which was accepted, and committed to Dr. John McDowell, Dr. Spring, Mr. Nevins, Mr. Boyd, Mr. Ambrose White, and Mr. Van Sinderin. *Resolved*, that this committee report a schedule of ways and means to meet the deficit in the funds as reported by the Trustees, and the sum necessary to pay the annual salaries of the Professors.

The Assembly took up the report of the committee appointed by the last General Assembly, to examine into the state of the funds belonging to or under the control of the Assembly, or its Trustees, which was made on Friday last, and referred it to the committee just appointed on the report of the Board of Trustees.

The Judicial committee reported on the complaint of Samuel Lowry against the Synod of Cincinnati, and recommended for reasons which they gave that the same be dismissed. This report was adopted and the complaint was accordingly dismissed.

The judicial committee further reported the appeal of Dr. James Snodgrass

from a decision of the Synod of Pittsburgh, as in order, and reported the order of proceeding to be observed in the prosecution of the appeal. This report was adopted, and the appeal was made the order of the day for this afternoon.

At the request of the appellant, Mr. William Jessup was appointed to act in behalf of Dr. Snodgrass in conducting his appeal.

The committee to whom was referred the report of the Directors of the Theological Seminary at Princeton reported in favor of adopting the recommendation in said report, respecting raising the salary of Professor Charles Hodge. The report was adopted, and the salary of Professor Hodge is hereby raised, so as to be equal to that of the other Professors.

Resolved, That the report of the Directors be printed in the Appendix to the Minutes of the Assembly.

The committee appointed to prepare a draft of a letter to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland reported a draft, which being read and amended, was adopted.

Ordered, that it be signed by the Moderator and permanent clerk, and be transmitted by the stated clerk to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

The committee to whom was referred the report of the Board of Education made the following report, which was adopted, viz: The committee on the report of the Board of Education feel much gratification in the review of the labours and the success of the Board in this most important branch of Christian benevolence. Much has been done; yet much more must be attempted and accomplished in order even to supply our own church with a sufficient number of well qualified ministers; much more to do our part in sending the gospel to all the world. Our efforts must be redoubled, or we shall fall behind the age in which we live, and be unable to see, even in anticipation, that better age which is rapidly approaching. The committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. That the report be published under the direction of the Board of Education.

2. That it be earnestly recommended to all our churches and their members, and especially to all the Presbyteries, to give all diligence to this great work, which is obviously of primary importance to the progress of the kingdom of Christ.

3. That the Presbyteries and Executive Committees of Education be particularly enjoined to report their proceedings to the Board in full accordance with the plan of operation and connection by the Board adopted and recommended.

Adjourned till this afternoon at half-past 3 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Thursday, half-past 3 o'clock, P. M.

The Assembly met and began with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The committee of commissions reported as a member the Rev. Samuel S. Davis, from the Presbytery of Harmony, who appeared and took his seat.

Nominations were made to fill the vacancies in the Board of Education. The ballots were taken and committed to Dr. McCartee and Mr. Eaton. The committee reported, when it appeared that the following persons are elected for four years, viz:—

Ministers—Archibald Alexander, D. D., Moses Waddell, D. D., Dirck C. Lansing, D. D., John W. Scott, John McDowell, D. D., David McConnaughy, George Styles, John N. Campbell, Wm. J. Armstrong, Nicholas Murray.

Laymen—Alexander Henry, Joseph B. Mitchell, George Ralston, Matthew Newkirk, John Stille, A. W. Mitchell, Adrian Van Sinderin.

The committee appointed to draught an answer to the letter received from the

Rev. C. Cailliatte, in behalf of Rev. Colany Nee of France, reported the draft of a letter, which was read and adopted. Ordered, that it be signed by the Moderator and permanent clerk, and be transmitted by the stated clerk to Mr. Cailliatte.

The committee to whom was referred the report of the Board of Missions, recommended that the report be approved, and returned to the Board for publication. This report was adopted.

Nominations were made for members of the Board of Missions in the room of those members whose term of office now expires.

Resolved, That the election be the order of the day for to-morrow morning; and that of the nominations made, six ministers and six laymen be elected, and that this be the rule hereafter to elect each year six ministers and six laymen.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Assembly proceeded to hear the appeal of Dr. James Snodgrass.

The Moderator announced from the chair, that the Assembly was about to pass to the consideration of the business assigned for trial; and enjoined on the members to recollect and regard their high character as judges of a court of Jesus Christ.

The sentence appealed from, the reasons assigned by the appellant for his appeal on the records of the Synod, and the records of the session in the case, were read. Mr. Jessup was then heard in behalf of the appellant.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Friday morning, May 24, 9 *o'clock.*

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The Assembly proceeded, agreeably to the order of the day, to elect members of the Board of Missions. The ballots were taken and committed to J. P. Davis, J. C. Smith, and Mr. Barber, to count them and report the result to the Assembly.

The committee on leave of absence reported, that they have given leave of absence to the following persons, viz: Mr. Pratt, Mr. Selover, Mr. Gardner, Mr. J. Walker, Mr. Barstow, Mr. L. Johnson, Mr. Pursel, Mr. Plumer, Mr. Harris, Mr. J. C. Clark, Mr. Durfee, Mr. Sprague, and Mr. E. A. Beach.

The committee to whom was referred the report of the Synod of the Western Reserve made a report, which, being read and amended, was adopted, and is as follows, viz: After having maturely considered the subject referred to them, they recommend to the Assembly, without approving the views of the Synod in relation to order and discipline, as stated in their report, that the report be accepted and printed in the minutes of the Assembly.

The report of the Synod is as follows.

Report of the Synod of the Western Reserve to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian church in the United States of America, in relation to the direction to this Synod, by the last Assembly, recorded in their printed minutes, page 327.

At the stated meeting of the Synod of the Western Reserve, held at Detroit, Oct. 8, 1833, the following resolution was adopted; viz.

Resolved, That in reference to the points named by the Assembly, as having been charged by common rumour against this Synod; the Synod having, as their custom is, and agreeably to the direction of the Assembly, devoted a part of their sessions to review and examine the state of the Presbyteries and churches under their care, do report to the next General Assembly:

1. That the Synod see no ground for the charge of delinquency in relation to the permission alleged in the first specification. The Synod would remark, that previously to the resolution of the Assembly on this subject in 1830, it is

believed that a difference of practice prevailed in our Presbyteries, in the reception of members from corresponding churches; some of them admitting members from such churches (as has been common in other Presbyteries in different parts of the country) without any formal profession of adopting the Confession of Faith of the Presbyterian church. But since the passage of that resolution by the Assembly, the Synod believe that no such practice has obtained in any of our Presbyteries. In regard to the allegation respecting persons licensed and ordained by our Presbyteries, without receiving and adopting the Confession of Faith, the Synod have no knowledge or belief of the prevalence of any such practice in any of our Presbyteries.

2d. That in relation to the remaining allegation, viz., on the subject of ruling elders, the Synod do not discover any reason for the charge of having violated the constitution of the church, inasmuch as that constitution does not make the eldership essential to the existence of a church, and as the number of members in many churches is too small to admit the election of suitable persons to fill that office: and where this is not the case, the fact of there being Congregationalists intermingled with Presbyterians in many churches, is a sufficient reason for the non-existence of the eldership, according to the plan of agreement between the General Assembly, and the General Association of Connecticut; from the spirit of which, the Synod believe, that none of our Presbyteries have departed.

However, with regard to the charge of the Presbyteries allowing the office of ruling elder to go into disuse, the Synod would say, that during the last year, there have been more ruling elders elected and ordained, in the churches connected with our Presbyteries, than during any three or four years previously.

By order of the Synod of the Western Reserve,
Attest, Wm. Hanford, Stated Clerk.

The report of the committee to examine the records of the Synod of the Western Reserve, which was laid on the table, was taken up, and adopted, and is as follows, viz. That the records be approved, with the exception of the sentiment on page 154, viz., that the eldership is not essential to the existence of the Presbyterian church. In the opinion of the committee the Synod advance a sentiment that contravenes the principles recognized in our Form of Government, chap. ii. sect. 4; chap. iii. sect. 5; chap. v.; chap. ix. sect. 1, 2.

The committee on milage reported in part, when it was resolved, that the commissioners from Newburyport, Clinton and Madison be struck off from the list of applicants for a portion of the Commissioners' fund, on the ground that their respective Presbyteries have paid nothing into this fund.

Resolved, further, that the Commissioners from the following Presbyteries, viz. Cortland, Genesee, Onondaga, Oswego, Rochester, and Ontario, be allowed to draw from the Commissioners' fund only the amount that their Presbyteries have respectively paid in.

The report of the committee on milage was then recommitted.

Resolved, That Dr. Green, Mr. Ludlow, and Mr. Boyd, be a committee to report a plan for increasing the Commissioners' fund.

The committee on Overture No. 4, viz. A reference from the Presbytery of West Tennessee, requesting an answer to the two following questions, viz. 1. What are the nature and duties of the office of deacon? 2. What is the Scriptural and appropriate mode of ordination?—made the following report, which was adopted; viz.

In answer to the first inquiry, "what are the nature and duties of the office of deacon?" we reply—The answer we conceive to be explicitly given in our

Form of Government, chap. 6. Their duties there are plainly made to consist in distributing the charities of the church to which they belong, to the poor of that church. Over charities, collected for any other purpose than those specified, their office gives them no control. In addition to this, the temporalities of the church generally may be committed to their care.

In answer to the second inquiry, "What is the Scriptural and appropriate mode of ordaining them?" We reply—Our Form of Government, chap. 13th, sect. 4, declares, that such, whether elder or deacon, shall be set apart to their respective offices by prayer. The imposition of hands, however, we are aware, in many of our churches is practised, and as it is plainly in accordance with apostolic example, it is the opinion of the committee that it is proper and lawful. We conceive that every church in this respect may with propriety be left to adopt either of these two modes, as they think suitable and best.

Adjourned till this afternoon at half-past 3 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Friday, half-past 3 o'clock, P. M.

The Assembly met, and began with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

Resolved, That the sacrament of the Lord's supper be administered to the members of the General Assembly, and such other professing Christians, as may choose to unite with them, in the 1st Presbyterian church, on Sabbath next, at 5 o'clock, P. M.

Dr. J. McDowell, Dr. Spring, and Mr. Barnes, were appointed a committee to make arrangements for this service.

The Assembly resumed the appeal of Dr. James Snodgrass. The Synod were heard in explanation of the grounds of their decision. The appellant and the members of the Synod then withdrew.

The roll was then called, to give every member an opportunity to express his opinion; after which the final vote was taken; when it was resolved, that the decision of the Synod be affirmed, and the appeal dismissed.

The committee appointed to count the votes for members of the Board of Missions, reported, when it appeared that the following persons are elected for four years, viz.

Ministers—W. A. M'Dowell, D. D., J. M'Dowell, D. D., John Breckinridge, Albert Barnes, William Gibson, Ezra Stiles Ely, D. D.

Laymen—Joseph P. Engles, William Maxwell, Alex. W. Mitchell, John Haswell, William Brown, Frederick Nash.

The committee to whom was referred Overture No. 2, made a report, which was read and adopted, and is as follows, viz.

The committee appointed to consider and report on Overture No. 2, which is in the following words: "Is it lawful and consistent with the order of our church, for a church court to reconsider and set aside its own decision in a case of discipline, after a lapse of five or six years from the time the decision was made, after the court has so changed, that many of its members were not members at the time of the decision, and when no new testimony is proposed?"—beg leave to report, that in their opinion, the proper answer to this Overture, will be found included in the following principles, viz.

1. Our Book of Discipline, chap. ix. sect. 1, provides, that if after a trial before any judicatory, new testimony be discovered, which is supposed to be highly important to the exculpation of the accused, it is proper for him to ask, and for the judicatory to grant, a new trial.

2. It is very conceivable that after the lapse of five or six years, the sentence of an ecclesiastical court, which was originally considered as just and wise, although no new testimony, strictly speaking, has appeared, may in the view of the church, appear under an aspect, equivalent to new testimony, and calling for reconsideration; yet,

3. Inasmuch as the frequent reconsideration of cases adjudged by the inferior Judicatories, without the appearance of new testimony, admits of great and mischievous abuse, and might lead to an endless recurrence of reviews and reversals of former decisions, in the absence of a majority of the court pronouncing the same; it is evidently more regular, safe, and for edification, when a review of a decision, without the disclosure of new testimony, is thought desirable, to refer the case to the next higher Judicatory.

Mr. Solomon Allen presented his report to the Assembly, as their agent in publishing the book of Psalms and Hymns, which was approved, and is as follows, viz.

The balance due S. Allen, agent, per last account,	$764 10
Cash paid for advertising,	10 00
Paper for Psalms and Hymns,	321 45
Printing, do.	309 00
Binding, do.	534 40
Five per cent commission on amount of sales last year, $7607 84; this year, $3309 29—Total $10,927 13,	546 35
Balance in hands of Solomon Allen,	833 99
	$3319 29

Contra Cr.

By cash received for Psalms and Hymns sold,	$3319 29

Resolved, That Mr. Solomon Allen be directed to pay over the balance of $833 99 in his hands to the Treasurer of the Trustees of the General Assembly, for the Contingent Fund of the Assembly.

In the absence of the committee on giving leave of absence, the Assembly gave leave of absence from their remaining sessions to Dr. Chapman and Mr. Cheever.

The committee on Overture, No. 3, made a report which was laid on the table.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Saturday morning, May 25th, 9 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and began with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The committee on giving leave of absence reported, that they had given leave to the following persons, viz: Mr. Joseph M. Smith, Mr. Childs, Mr. Root, Dr. Steele, Mr. Sloan, Mr. Boice, Mr. C. J. Davis, Dr. Semple, Mr. Jessup, Dr. Mosely, Mr. McClelland, and Mr. Long.

The committee of Overtures reported Overtures, 13, 14, 15, and 16.

Overture, No. 13, On the improvement of Sacred Music, was taken up, and committed to Dr. Spring, Mr. Eaton, Dr. Beman, Dr. J. McDowell, Dr. Alexander, and Mr. Thomas Hastings, to report to the next Assembly.

Overture, No. 14, viz: a question on the organization of new churches, by an individual minister, without an order of Presbytery, was taken up, and committed to Mr. Nevins, Mr. S. Steele, and Mr. F. Y. Vail.

Overture, No. 15, viz: an application from the Presbytery of Columbia, for leave to receive the Rev. Mr. Frazer, a foreign minister, was taken up, and dismissed, for want of his credentials, and the proceedings of the Presbytery in his case—the Presbytery having failed to send them up.

Overture, No. 16, viz: an amendment to the Constitution to be sent down to the Presbyteries, on the subject of appeals, complaints, &c., being finally decided in the Synods, was taken up, and committed to Dr. Hoge, Mr. Hamner, and Mr. S. S. Davis.

The committee on milage made the following report, which was adopted, viz.

That they find the number of miles travelled by Commissioners, attending the sessions of the General Assembly, who are entitled to a portion of the fund to be 75,918; and that the fund to be apportioned among them is $1627 98 being 2 1-7 cents per mile. They would further state, that the whole amount of the Commissioners' fund is $1706 90; but $79 will be returned to six Presbyteries, in the sums respectively contributed by them.

Ordered, that the Trustees issue a warrant upon the Treasurer for $1627 98 to be paid to the Commissioners, out of the Commissioners' fund, agreeably to the apportionment of the committee of milage; and further for $79, to be returned to the Commissioners from the six Presbyteries alluded to in the above report.

The committee on Overture No. 12, made the following report, which was adopted, viz. The committee to whom was referred the petition of the Presbytery of Abingdon, requesting the General Assembly to dissever them from the Synod of Tennessee, and to connect them with the Synod of Virginia, having considered the reasons assigned by said Presbytery, in support of their petition, and having conferred with the members of the Synod of Tennessee, who are in the Assembly, and with the delegate from the Presbytery of Abingdon, are of the opinion, that no interest of that portion of the church will suffer by a delay, and therefore recommend that the subject be postponed till the next General Assembly.

Resolved, That this Assembly appoint two ministers as delegates to attend in their name, the Congregational Union of England and Wales, to meet in the month of May, A. D. 1834, in London; provided the attendance of such delegates be no expense to the Assembly.

Nominations were made for delegates to attend the above Union; and the election was made the order of the day for Monday morning.

Leave was asked for the Rev. Joseph Brown, the Secretary of the American Seamen's Friend Society, to address the Assembly. Leave was granted, and Mr. Brown addressed the Assembly; after which it was resolved, unanimously, that this Assembly regard the American Seamen's Friend Society, as justly claiming an important place among the Benevolent Institutions of our land, and cheerfully recommend to the churches under our care to contribute to its funds promptly and systematically.

The committee on Overture No. 3, viz. a question from the Presbytery of Bethel, respecting holding communion with the followers of Wm. C. Davis, a deposed minister, and calling themselves Independent Presbyterians, reported, that in their judgment the questions proposed in said Overture ought to be answered in the negative. They therefore would recommend the adoption of the following resolution, viz. *Resolved*, That while this Assembly readily acknowledges the right of the Session, to determine according to the Scriptures and the Constitution of our Church, the qualifications for admission to sealing ordinances, yet they feel it to be their duty to declare, that in their judgment, the services of those who have received only lay-ordination, and of those who have been deposed from the gospel ministry, are unscriptural and unwarrantable; and therefore an attendance on their ministrations cannot be in the order of the gospel, and ought to be discouraged and discountenanced by every friend of the Redeemer's kingdom.

The above report was adopted.

Dr. John McDowell was appointed a member of the standing committee on publishing the Confession of Faith in the Synod of Philadelphia, in the place of Dr. Jacob J. Janeway.

Dr. Alexander, one of the committee, to whom was referred by the last As-

sembly the question, "whether baptism by a Popish priest ought to be considered as valid?" made a report, when, after some discussion, it was resolved, that this subject, with all the papers relating to it, which have been before the Assembly, be committed to Dr. Miller, Dr. Alexander, Dr. Green, Mr. Breckinridge, Mr. Barnes, Dr. Spring, Dr. McAuley, and Dr. McCartee, to report to the next General Assembly.

The committee appointed to make arrangements for the administration of the Lord's supper on to-morrow, made the following report, which was adopted; viz.

1. Short introductory prayer, a few introductory remarks, and psalm or hymn by the Moderator.
2. Short address, prayer, and distribution of the bread, by Dr. Miller.
3. Short address and distribution of the cup, by Dr. Hoge.
4. Short closing address by Mr. Ludlow.
5. Closing prayer, hymn and benediction, by Mr. Allen, of Massachusetts.

The elders of the First church are requested to provide the elements, and superintend their distribution.

The committee of overtures reported Overtures No. 17 and 18.

Overture No. 17, viz. A proposed amendment to the constitution, to be sent down to the Presbyteries, respecting Commissioners to the General Assembly, was taken up, and committed to Mr. Junkin, Mr. Lathrop, and Mr. J. C. Beach.

Overture No. 18, On the subject of a Convention of delegates from evangelical ecclesiastical bodies, was taken up, and the further consideration of it indefinitely postponed.

The committee to whom was referred Overture No. 7, being a representation to the Assembly by two ministers, members of the Presbytery of Indianapolis, and eleven elders of churches within the bounds of the same Presbytery, complaining of certain difficulties in that Presbytery, report that they recommend to the General Assembly the adoption of the following resolution, viz.

Resolved, That it be recommended to the complainants in said communication to apply for redress to their proper Synod. This report was adopted.

The Directors of the Western Theological Seminary, made their annual report, which was accepted, and committed to Dr. Hoge, Mr. Coe, and Mr. Axtell. A communication from Professor Halsey, respecting a legacy bequeathed to the Western Seminary, was received, and committed to the same committee.

Resolved, That agreeably to a request of the Board of Directors, the Assembly will, during the present session, select a Professor of Ecclesiastical History and Church Government for the Western Theological Seminary. This election was made the order of the day for Monday afternoon next. The Assembly engaged in special prayer for divine direction in this election.

Nominations were made for Directors, to fill the vacancies in the Board of Directors of the Western Theological Seminary. The election was made the order of the day for Monday morning.

The committee of overtures recommended the following as a standing rule, which was adopted, viz.

No new business shall be presented to the committee of Bills and Overtures after the sixth day of the sessions of the Assembly, unless special reasons shall be assigned to the committee.

Adjourned till Monday morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Monday morning, May 27, 9 *o'clock.*

The Assembly met, and began with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The committee of Commissions reported as a member, Joseph H. Lump-

kin, a ruling elder, from the Presbytery of Hopewell, who appeared and took his seat.

The judicial committee reported on the complaint of John Cochran against the Session of the Eighth Presbyterian church in Philadelphia, and against the Presbytery of Philadelphia, and their report was adopted, and is as follows, viz.

The complaint of John Cochran against a decision of the Session of the Eighth Presbyterian church of Philadelphia, which was dismissed by the Presbytery of Philadelphia as "irrelevant and unfounded," appears to have been regularly conducted, except that it is brought directly to the Assembly, from the Presbytery, instead of being carried first to the Synod; and no reasons are assigned for this course. Your committee would therefore recommend, that this case be sent to the Synod for adjudication, should Mr. Cochran choose to prosecute his complaint.

The committee on giving leave of absence, reported that they had given leave to the following members, viz: Mr. Ostrom, Mr. Hamilton, Mr. Gordon, and Mr. Walker.

A communication was received from the United States Temperance Convention, inviting the Assembly to attend said convention this evening, at half-past 7 o'clock. *Resolved*, That the Assembly accept the invitation.

Whereas, the Synod of Virginia have adjourned to meet within the bounds of the Presbytery of East Hanover, which now forms a part of the new Synod of Chesapeake, and whereas the present Moderator of the Synod of Virginia, also belongs to the same Presbytery, at the request of the members of the Synod of Virginia present, it was resolved, that the place of the next stated meeting of the Synod of Virginia be at Charlottesville, on the 4th Thursday of October, at 12 o'clock, and that the Rev. George A. Baxter, D. D., or in case of his absence, the oldest minister present, open the Synod with a sermon, and preside until a moderator is chosen.

Rev. Thomas Brown and Rev. Gideon S. White, of the Presbytery of Union, stated that the Committee on Milage had made a mistake in apportioning their share of the Commissioners' fund. *Resolved*, that their cases be referred to the committee of Milage; and in case it be found that a mistake has been made, resolved that their due proportion of the Commissioners' fund be allowed them; and in case there is not sufficient in the Commissioners' fund, the Treasurer is hereby directed to pay them out of the Contingent fund.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Assembly proceeded to the election of delegates to the Congregational Union of England and Wales. The ballots were taken and committed to Mr. E. W. Crane, Mr. Farnsworth, and Mr. Harris.

Agreeably also to the order of the day, the Assembly proceeded to the election of Directors in the Western Theological Seminary. The ballots were taken and committed to Mr. Stebbins, Mr. Van Tassel, and Mr. Wm. Nesbit.

The committee to draught a narrative of the state of religion, made a report; which, being read and amended, was adopted, and ordered to be printed in the appendix to the minutes.

Resolved, That it be recommended to all the pastors, as soon as they get a printed copy of the above report, to read it from their pulpits, accompanied with such remarks as to them may seem expedient.

The committee appointed to draught a letter to the United Secession Church of Scotland, reported the draught of a letter, which, being read and amended, was adopted.

Ordered, that it be signed by the Moderator, and Permanent Clerk, and be transmitted by the Stated Clerk to the United Secession Church of Scotland.

The committee on the Commissioners' fund made the following report, which was adopted, viz.

The committee have, with deep solicitude, considered the subject committed to them, and believing that without spirited exertions to raise money for this fund, there is imminent danger, that the harmony of our church will be destroyed, and that its capacity of acting in concert with efficiency, in all its great and interesting measures for promoting the gospel, will be speedily terminated, for want of a full representation of the churches in the General Assembly, propose the adoption of the following resolutions.

1. *Resolved*, That it be and hereby is earnestly recommended to the several Presbyteries, and all the ministers under the care of the General Assembly, to urge upon the people under their care, the equity, the importance and the absolute necessity of contributing to the Commissioners' fund, in order to secure the attendance of Commissioners at the Sessions of the General Assembly, from those sections of the church, which are at the greatest distance from the place of the Assembly's meetings, and which in the divine Providence are least able to sustain the burden of expense, both of time and money, in giving such attendance.

2. *Resolved*, That in the judgment of this General Assembly those Presbyteries that are wealthy, and that have judged it proper to pay the expenses of their own Commissioners, are bound in a peculiar manner to contribute liberally to the general fund, in order that they may bear their due proportion of the expenses of Commissioners who attend from distant Presbyteries; which Presbyteries, and their commissioners, in the Providence of God, are not able to pay their own expenses; and this General Assembly would fain hope, that the wealthy Presbyteries will esteem it both their privilege and their duty to make such contributions.

The committee to whom was referred Overture No. 14, viz: "Is a minister of the Gospel in our connection, ex-officio authorized to organize churches in the bounds of Presbyteries, without any previous order of Presbytery, directing such organization," made a report recommending the following resolution, which was adopted accordingly, viz.

Resolved, That except in frontier and destitute settlements, where, by Form of Government, Chap. xv. Sect. 15, it is made a part of the business of Evangelists to organize churches; and except in cases where it is exceedingly inconvenient to make application to a Presbytery, for which provision is made in the act of Assembly of 1831, it is not the prerogative of a minister of the gospel to organize churches without the previous action of some Presbytery directing or permitting it; since in Form of Government, Chap. x. Sect. 8, to form new congregations, is enumerated among the powers of the Presbytery; and since in Chap. iv. of Bishops or Pastors, no mention is made of any such power being lodged in the hands of an individual minister.

The committee appointed to count the votes for delegates to the Congregational Union of England and Wales, made a report, when it appeared that the following persons are duly elected, viz.

Rev. Thomas M'Auley, D. D., or in case of his failure, Rev. Robert McCartee, D. D.; and Rev. Ezra Stiles Ely, D. D., or in case of his failure the Rev. Ezra Fisk, D. D.

The committee on Overture, No. 17, viz: an Overture to the Presbyteries on the subject of the ratio of representation, reported the following resolution, which was adopted, viz.

Resolved That it is inexpedient to make any new Overture to the Presbyteries on the subject of representation in the Assembly for the present.

The committee appointed to count the votes for Directors of the Western Theological Seminary made a report, when it appeared, that the following persons are elected for three years, viz.

Ministers—Francis Herron, D. D., Matthew Brown, D. D., Ashbel Green, D. D., Elisha P. Swift, David Elliott, John Stockton, Elisha McCurdy.

Elders—Harmer Denny, John Hannen, Hugh Campbell.

And Samuel Ralston, D. D., for two years in the room of Rev. John Anderson, D. D., resigned; and Rev. Robert Patterson for one year, in the room of Joseph Stockton, deceased.

The resolution of the West Lexington Presbytery and complaint against them, and also an answer to the dissent and complaint of Messrs. Campbell, Taylor, and others, reported by the judicial committee, were taken up, when it was resolved, that the Assembly of 1816 have decided the point in the complaint. The Presbytery is referred for this decision of the Assembly to page 60, of the Digest, sect. 7.

Adjourned to meet this afternoon at half-past 3 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Monday, half-past 3 o'clock, P. M.

The Assembly met and began with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The Assembly proceeded, agreeably to the order of the day, to the election of a Professor of Ecclesiastical History and Church Government. The ballots were taken, and committed to Mr. S. Steele, Mr. J. Talmage, and Mr. Murray.

The committee appointed to draught a letter to the Congregational Union of England and Wales, reported the draught of a letter, which was read and adopted. Ordered, that it be signed by the Moderator and permanent clerk, and be transmitted to the Congregational Union of England and Wales by the stated clerk.

Whereas, The General Assembly regard the American Colonization Society as an institution eminently calculated to benefit the people of colour in these States, and alike calculated to benefit the continent of Africa, to which the blessings of civil and religious liberty are conveyed by the emigrants sent to Liberia, and through missionaries of the cross, to whom every facility for accomplishing their important objects is given by the society—therefore,

Resolved, That this General Assembly approve highly of the great objects prosecuted by the American Colonization Society; and desirous of encouraging that institution in its arduous and important undertaking, do earnestly recommend it to all the pastors of the churches under their care to take up collections in aid of the society on the 4th of July next, or on the Sabbath immediately preceding or succeeding that day.

The committee to whom was referred the report of the Trustees of the General Assembly in relation to the funds; and also the report of the committee appointed by the last General Assembly on the same subject, made a report, which was read, amended, adopted, and is as follows, viz:—

That from the report of the Trustees it appears that the permanent fund belonging to the Theological Seminary at Princeton, including the Professorships, which has been received by the Treasurer of the Trustees of the General Assembly, and which is applicable to the support of the Professors, amounts to $79,566 48.

That of this sum there has been, from time to time, expended over and above the interest, $14,108 27—leaving the amount of the permanent fund, including the Professorships, at this time $65,458 21.

The committee deplore the fact that any part of the permanent fund has been used. The Trustees have done it, however, to meet appropriations made by the Assembly, from time to time, when they had no funds to meet such appropriations, and were obliged to borrow, if the appropriations of the Assembly were met, and instead of borrowing elsewhere, they borrowed of the permanent fund,

expecting that the church would repay it to such fund; and the Assembly from year to year have voted appropriations in ignorance of the state of the funds, though they have repeatedly attempted to get an accurate statement. Most of the portion of the permanent fund which has been used has been for the annual payment of the Professors' salaries, the interest not being sufficient for this purpose; and a portion has also been borrowed and used to meet the current contingent expenses of the Assembly, the collections for the contingent fund, urged again and again upon the churches by the Assembly, having been for several years entirely inadequate to meet the current expenses of the Assembly.

The permanent fund of the Theological Seminary, including the professorships, amounting now, as stated before, to $65,450 21; at the present rate of interest will yield about $3446. The sum necessary to pay the present annual salaries of the Professors, including the addition made by the present Assembly to Professor Hodge's salary is $5800. From this statement it will be seen that there will be needed annually to meet the payment of Professors' salaries, the sum of at least $2354, over and above the interest of the present permanent fund. Provision must be made to raise this sum annually, or the operations of the Seminary must be suspended.

From the report of the Trustees it appears also that the permanent fund of the Seminary for education, including scholarships, which has been paid in, amounts to $63,380 33. Of this sum there has been used $5988 39.

In view of the preceding facts the committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. That it is inexpedient, in any case, for the Assembly to authorize the Trustees, either by loan to the contingent fund of the Seminary, or of the Assembly, or in any other way, to use any part of the permanent funds of the Seminary, which were given with an express understanding that nothing but the interest was to be used.

2. That it be enjoined upon the Trustees, agreeably to the directions of the Charter, to lay before the Assembly annually, at as early a period of their sessions as practicable, an exact state of the accounts of the Corporation.

3. That the Trustees be and they are hereby requested and directed to transfer from the permanent fund applicable to the payment of Professors' salaries, to each Professorship, such sums as may be sufficient to make each Professorship good, equal to the amount which was originally paid in on such Professorship.

4. That the Trustees be also requested and directed to transfer from the Permanent Education or Students' fund, to such scholarships as may have had any of their capital withdrawn from them, such sums as may be sufficient to make each scholarship good, equal to the amount which was originally paid in, on such scholarship, so far as such fund is sufficient for this purpose.

5. That the Trustees be requested to consider whether safe investments of the funds, or a part of them, may not be made, so as to produce a higher rate of interest than they now yield; and if so, they are advised to endeavour to effect a change of stock.

6. That a committee be appointed whose duty it shall be, in such way as they may deem best, to procure from the churches a sufficient sum to meet the necessary expenses of the Seminary for the ensuing year, and further to endeavour to restore and increase the permanent fund; and to carry the object of their appointment into effect, they are hereby authorized to appoint an agent or agents, and to compensate them out of moneys they may raise.

7. That it be respectfully suggested to the Assembly whether it be not expedient, that agreeably to the provisions of the Charter, a part of the present Board, not exceeding one-third, be changed, especially on account of the advanced age of some of the members.

Dr. J. McDowell, Dr. Green, Dr. Ely, Mr. Alexander Henry, and Mr. Am-

brose White, were appointed a committee to procure funds for the Seminary, agreeably to the sixth resolution of the preceding report.

The Assembly proceeded to the election of trustees to the General Assembly, when the following persons were elected, viz.

Mr. Matthew Newkirk, in the room of John Neilson, Esq., deceased; James Bayard, Esq., in the room of Andrew Bayard, Esq., deceased; Mr. Matthew L. Bevan, in the room of Mr. Thomas Latimer, deceased; Mr. Solomon Allen, in the room of Mr. Robert Smith; Mr. Ambrose White, in the room of Mr. Alexander Fullerton, and the Rev. John McDowell, D. D. in the room of the Rev. Archibald Alexander, D. D. The other members of the Board were continued.

The committee appointed to count the votes for Professor of Ecclesiastical History and Church Government made a report, when it appeared that the Rev. Ezra Fisk, D. D., was elected to this office.

Dr. Hoge and Mr. S. Steele were appointed to inform Dr. Fisk of his election.

The stated clerk reported, that agreeably to a trust reposed in him, he had distributed 150 copies of the Constitution in the following manner, viz. To the Presbytery of Huron, six; to the Presbyteries of Champlain, Oswego, Angelica, Niagara, Cleaveland, Winchester, French Broad, and Grand River, five each; to the Presbyteries of Londonderry, St. Lawrence, Delaware, Washington, Portage, Salem, Madison, Illinois, Transylvania, and South Carolina, four each; to the Presbyteries of Otsego, Chenango, Cayuga, Ontario, Newark, Erie, Crawfordsville, Missouri, Abingdon, Union, West Tennessee, and Bethel, three each; to the Presbyteries of Troy, Tioga, Genessee, Buffalo, Long Island, Lewes, District of Columbia, Hartford, Detroit, Trumbull, and Louisville, two each; to the Presbyteries of North River, Philadelphia, Blairsville, Cincinnati, and Oxford, one each; and to a delegate from the Synod of the Reformed Dutch church one. The above report was accepted and approved.

The committee to whom was referred the report of the Western Theological Seminary made a report, which being read and amended, was adopted, and is as follows, viz.

1. That the report be approved, with the exception of a clause which nominates a Professor, and be printed in the Appendix to the Minutes.

2. That an appropriation be made of $2,300 for the payment of the salaries of the professor and teacher.

The subject of printing the Form of Government, and the Discipline and Directory, in a volume separate from the Confession of Faith and Catechisms, postponed by the last Assembly for the consideration of this, was taken up, and indefinitely postponed.

The committee to whom was referred Overture, No. 16, viz: an amendment to the Constitution on the subject of appeals, complaints, &c., made a report, when the whole subject was indefinitely postponed.

Resolved, That the Assembly will this year make no change in the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary at Princeton.

Resolved, That the Permanent Clerk be directed to settle the following accounts, viz.

For Stationery, - - - - - - - -	$ 6 55
Janitor, - - - - - - - - -	35 77½
Permanent Clerk, - - - - - - -	30 00
	$72 32½

The calling of the roll was dispensed with.

The Assembly having completed its business, *Resolved*, that this meeting be dissolved, and that another Assembly, chosen in the same manner, be required to meet in the Seventh Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia, on the third Thursday in May, 1834, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

Concluded with prayer, singing, and the apostolic benediction.

STATISTICAL REPORT.

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America has under its care twenty-two Synods, comprising one hundred and eleven Presbyteries, viz :—

I. The Synod of Albany, containing the Presbyteries of 1. Londonderry, 2. Newburyport, 3. Champlain, 4. Troy, 5. Albany, 6. Columbia.

II. The Synod of Utica, containing the Presbyteries of 1. St. Lawrence, 2. Watertown, 3. Oswego, 4. Oneida, 5. Otsego.

III. The Synod of Geneva, containing the Presbyteries of 1. Geneva, 2. Chenango, 3. Onondaga, 4. Cayuga, 5. Tioga, 6. Cortland, 7. Bath, 8. Angelica, 9. Delaware.

IV. The Synod of Genessee, containing the Presbyteries of 1. Genessee, 2. Ontario, 3. Rochester, 4. Niagara, 5. Buffalo.

V. The Synod of New York, containing the Presbyteries of 1. New York, 2. New York Second, 3. New York Third, 4. Hudson, 5. North River, 6. Bedford, 7. Long Island, 8. Long-Island Second.

VI. The Synod of New Jersey, containing the Presbyteries of 1. Newark, 2. Elizabethtown, 3. New Brunswick, 4. Newton, 5. Susquehanna, 6. Montrose.

VII. The Synod of Philadelphia, containing the Presbyteries of 1. Philadelphia, 2. Philadelphia Second, 3. New Castle, 4. Lewes, 5. Carlisle, 6. Huntingdon, 7. Northumberland.

VIII. The Synod of Pittsburgh, containing the Presbyteries of 1. Allegheny, 2. Redstone, 3. Ohio, 4. Steubenville, 5. Erie, 6. Washington, 7. Hartford, 8. Blairsville.

IX. The Synod of the Western Reserve, containing the Presbyteries of 1. Grand River, 2. Portage, 3. Huron, 4. Trumbull, 5. Detroit, 6. Cleaveland.

X. The Synod of Ohio, containing the Presbyteries of 1. Columbus, 2. Richland, 3. Lancaster, 4. Athens.

XI. The Synod of Cincinnati, containing the Presbyteries of 1. Chillicothe, 2. Miami, 3. Cincinnati, 4. Oxford.

XII. The Synod of Indiana, containing the Presbyteries of 1. Salem, 2. Madison, 3. Vincennes, 4. Crawfordsville, 5. Indianapolis.

XIII. The Synod of Illinois, containing the Presbyteries of 1. Illinois, 2. Kaskaskia, 3. Sangamon.

XIV. The Synod of Missouri, containing the Presbyteries of 1. Missouri, 2. St. Louis, 3. St. Charles.

XV. The Synod of Kentucky, containing the Presbyteries of 1. Louisville, 2. Muhlenberg, 3. Transylvania, 4. West Lexington, 5. Ebenezer, 6. Tabor.

XVI. The Synod of Chesapeake, containing the Presbyteries of 1. Baltimore, 2. The District of Columbia, 3. East Hanover.

XVII. The Synod of Virginia, containing the Presbyteries of 1. Winchester, 2. West Hanover, 3. Lexington.

XVIII. The Synod of North Carolina, containing the Presbyteries of 1. Orange, 2. Fayetteville, 3. Concord.

XIX. The Synod of Tennessee, containing the Presbyteries of 1. Abingdon, 2. Union, 3. Holston, 4. French Broad.

XX. The Synod of West Tennessee, containing the Presbyteries of 1. West Tennessee, 2. Shiloh, 3. North Alabama, 4. Western District.

XXI. The Synod of South Carolina and Georgia, containing the Presbyteries of 1. South Carolina, 2. Bethel, 3. Hopewell, 4. Charleston Union, 5. Harmony, 6. Georgia.

XXII. The Synod of Mississippi and South Alabama, containing the Presbyteries of 1. Mississippi, 2. South Alabama, 3. Tombigbee, 4. Clinton.

SUMMARY VIEW OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, FOR 1833.

PREPARED BY THE STATED CLERK OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

NAMES OF PRESBYTERIES.	Ministers.	Licentiates.	Candidates.	Churches.	Com. added on examination.	Com. added on certificate.	Total now in Communion.	Adults baptized since last report.	Infants baptized since last report.	Total of Baptisms.	Missionary Funds raised.	Funds for Commissioners.	Theological Seminary Funds raised.	Education Funds raised.	Contingent Fund of the General Assembly.
Londonderry,	17		2	11	113		1809	79	118	197	$1000 00	$17 00		$1008 00	
Newburyport,	13	6		3			296								
Champlain,	16	2	3	19	176	43	1915	39	114	164	458 27	30 15		205 00	$2 00
Troy,	30	1		29	173	146	4246			185	3034 53	10 62	$700 00	1648 03	4 75
Albany,	36	3	17	36	386	139	6182	114	187	301	3993 07	68 66	168 50	2314 69	14 30
Columbia,	27	5	4	19	47	37	2240	14	93	107		59 00			
Watertown,	18	1	5	28	313	108	2902	151	92	242	538 95	34 12		130 10	4 45
St. Lawrence,	13			10	138	45	974	44	72	116	378 00	5 00		60 00	
Oswego,	9	2	2	23	266	92	1995			203	328 85			58 96	
Oneida,	44	6		39	204	116	5714	115	155	270	2058 60	39 33		1510 75	
Otsego,	10	2		16	166	23	1777	68	68	136	1610 94	23 00		55 95	6 25
Chenango,	15	2		23	322	77	2229	134	176	310	1292 60	29 21		2320 25	1 37
Delaware,	8			15	252	29	1869	97	66	163	456 15			290 80	4 25
Cortland,	13			16	63	23	1976	24	43	67	299 77	2 00		49 16	4 50
Onondaga,	18	2		27	130	75	2923	53	83	136	446 99	18 50		118 25	
Cayuga,	30	15	1	32	281		4264	36	105	141	1340 55	43 92		415 41	
Tioga,	16	3	3	16	467	99	2353	212	188	400	457 13	29 80	111 15	216 98	
Geneva,	35			35	273	271	3860	84	207	308	3396 07	78 15	150 00	1192 00	
Bath,	19	1		36	589	207	2471	218	190	408	860 75	29 37		112 00	4 00
Angelica,	6	1	1	17	90	60	986	32	48	80	76 00	11 72		24 00	
Ontario,	20			22			1639								
Rochester,	21		4	23	295	141	3128	150	163	313	1385 93	33 79		414 87	
Genessee,	21			23			968								
Niagara,	14	1		16	74	58	1317	33	67	100	453 55	25 74		125 25	
Buffalo,	30	1		42	298	249	2756	100	202	302	1625 32	82 40		534 63	
Hudson,	23	2	4	27	360	68	2970	186	171	357	102 00	35 48		46 75	17 28
North River,	13	1	7	19	445	59	2514	219	86	305	450 54	28 57		496 66	17 50
Bedford,	12		5	16	44	11	1101	28	28	56	260 91	34 75		261 35	2 00
Long Island,	12	2	1	11	133	30	1455	29	54	83	205 12	28 33		26 00	19 48
Long Island 2d,	7	1		9	239	14	770	114	76	190	60 19	7 89			1 25
New York,	26	5	5	14	157	124	4536	37	163	200	8033 93	92 60	2 00	3270 29	105 87
New York 2d,	8			4	19	19	784	2	29	31	220 00	94 75		450 00	10 00
New York 3d,	27	6		15	712	405	4654	260	273	533		161 00			
Newark,	30	2		25	643	151	4456	223	202	439		63 27		143 36	60 83

NAMES OF PRESBYTERIES.	Ministers.	Licentiates.	Candidates.	Churches.	Com. added on examination.	Com. added on certificate.	Total now in Communion.	Adults baptized since last report.	Infants baptized since last report.	Total of Baptisms.	Missionary Funds raised.	Funds for Commissioners.	Theological Seminary Funds raised.	Education Funds raised.	Contingent Fund of the General Assembly.
Elizabethtown,	23	1	10	19	293	86	4249	100	207	307	$2113 00	$52 19		$1188 54	$52 18
New Brunswick,	25	10	7	19	220	64	3096	73	182	255	1100 97	63 59	$25 00	932 14	44 41
Newton,	20	3	4	32	487	50	3105	106	244	349	256 34	20 45		326 76	17 50
Susquehanna,	9			16	125	43	947			125	203 25	95 13		175 00	12 92
Montrose,	10			18	151	41	1245	46	157	223	253 50	9 71		7 00	2 50
Philadelphia,	38	4	7	36	350	132	4564	96	174	270	1790 82	40 86	3 50	1104 25	45 00
Philadelphia 2d,	19	6	4	18	544	195	4555	156	245	401	5894 63	56 57	490 00	3478 17	12 60
New Castle,	29	4	7	36	846	67	5423	287	312	599	2041 90	45 25		1039 20	40 00
Lewes,	5	1		16	204	10	738	25	66	91	36 00	10 00	3 00	50 00	1 91
Carlisle,	30	1		45	441	44	4784	63	203	266	1284 50	21 00		616 62	11 39
Huntingdon,	18	1	2	31	478	121	3854	103	447	550	1470 65	54 00		629 50	
Northumberland,	10	3		13	169	10	1310			160	556 63	25 00		203 00	
Allegheny,	11		1	29	138	48	2141	12	173	185	129 39	42 64	75 90	34 81	1 00
Erie,	15	2	1	34	110	41	2493	29	220	249	351 12	34 00		2 00	
Hartford,	14	1		35	116	125	3113	16	250	266	253 25	81 95	93 07	125 34	
Redstone,	12	2	1	26	277	35	2760	83	236	319	267 37	47 73		115 00	
Steubenville,	14	2	2	29	247	92	2722	52	257	309	406 73	59 80	198 00	122 00	
Washington,	19		5	23	282	84	3040	51	350	401	1198 79	122 71	204 62	878 64	2 00
Ohio,	25	7	9	28	257	161	3628	62	287	349	1484 76	99 37	1478 00	708 89	21 75
Blairsville,	15	1	1	26	309	105	3113	57	364	421	379 91	125 76	358 62	187 54	
Detroit,	15		1	22	284	237	1088	108	119	227	249 62	87 25		1092 74	1 50
Grand River,	22	1		27	37	61	1650	11	104	115	410 77	6 00		722 29	
Portage,	20	1		24	69	102	1701	11	85	96	675 00	22 53	3 37	473 00	5 85
Huron,	13			20	30	51	758	13	75	88	239 09	13 25		777 17	
Trumbull,	8	1		17	48	17	894	11	63	74	171 26	14 85		66 12	
Cleaveland,	17		1	26	86	97	1280	27	74	101	315 58	33 26		97 50	
Columbus,	15	1	1	30	217	62	2069	66	202	268	482 41	40 69		252 62	24 37
Richland,	14	3		41	252	161	2736	62	299	361	358 47	53 33		208 43	5 50
Lancaster,	16			35	235	90	2320	58	288	346	919 62	75 93	48 50	477 15	12 25
Athens,	14	3	1	20	165	41	1119	73	85	158	182 79	4 55		215 30	
Miami,	16			26	170	158	2240	36	394	430	918 87	106 37		273 12	11 50
Chillicothe,	18	1		25	222	86	2942	49	271	322	612 35	68 79		395 00	6 25
Cincinnati,	34	3	2	31	269	207	3420	98	217	315	492 60	55 13	60 00	180 81	
Oxford,	20	1		24	116	72	1521	42	157	207	105 57	76 40		57 00	1 00
Salem,	5	2		16	23	22	784	6	34	40	71 50	10 37	53 00	224 25	5 50
Madison,	9	1	6	16	96	33	840	22	47	69	149 50		60 25	84 25	

Vincennes,	9	1		19			726								
Crawfordsville,	11			21	45	160	757	9	50	59	19 66	58 50		20 00	
Sangamon,	7	1		10	24	22	339	9	22	32		8 00		70 62	
Kaskaskia,	10	1	2	22	69	32	663	16	67	83	28 00	22 60		40 00	
Indianapolis,	8			19			683								
Illinois,	13			9	27	56	261	12	16	28	505 00	15 00		150 00	
Missouri,	4			9	138	33	330	39	25	76		10 00			
St. Louis,	5	1	1	11	196	84	719	55	128	183	1112 42			195 46	
St. Charles,	7		1	12	83	87	427	42	46	89	181 25			18 50	
Louisville,	14			19			1186								
Muhlenberg,	7		1	20	47	23	631	10	23	33	64 69	6 75			
Transylvania,	17	4	4	25	91	32	2473	35	101	136	911 57	157 87	20 00	537 92	
West Lexington,	21	3	2	28	134	46	1873	49	86	135	1048 46	160 00		1168 24	61 65
Ebenezer,	10	1	2	20	27	13	1628	10	41	51	140 00	109 25		85 00	35 00
Baltimore,	13	4	7	6	130	45	1149	14	90	104	1647 50			867 00	
District of Columbia,	15	3	2	9	115	39	1259	14	74	88	794 24	48 00	20 00	782 50	15 00
East Hanover,	14	3	3	12	109	41	1329	20	99	119	2211 87	64 00	604 33	3199 65	21 31
Winchester,	14		3	22	702	16	2149	206	216	422	777 39	113 50	160 00	758 47	16 00
West Hanover,	31	8	8	33	202	26	2208	87	129	216	999 75	71 00	250 25	385 50	14 70
Lexington,	24	4	9	39	488	42	4998	124	353	477	1147 31	159 00	424 85	799 26	21 00
Orange,	30	4	1	37	306	57	2264	148	134	282	234 76	130 88	302 00	907 07	
Fayetteville,	16	3	9	43	756	62	3600	117	302	419	148 00	70 75	19 82	658 42	6 00
Concord,	19	4	2	49	756	6	4011	155	290	487	90 00	101 00	20 00	189 50	
Abingdon,	6			11	55	1	792	10	23	33		45 00			
Union,	28	6	11	29	259	30	2093	73	101	174		19 00			
Holston,	8			14			1941								
French Broad,	7		4	11	190	13	1252	82	81	163	41 62	10 00			
West Tennessee,	15	1		19	164	40	1278	48	105	153	56 25	10 00		62 50	
Western District,	13			21	46	32	630	9	38	47	24 62	38 74		59 56	
Shiloh,	9	3	2	24	201	24	1278	98	104	197	52 62			402 59	
North Alabama,	10	3	2	15	35	23	738	11	38	49	243 17	35 56		274 25	35 00
South Carolina,	15		2	32	407	22	2832	107	148	283		16 25		135 00	
Bethel,	9	1		18	371	5	1970	107	184	291	343 93	65 00	5 00	30 00	
Hopewell,	26	4		55	151	90	2910	51	158	209	53 77	10 75			
Charleston Union,	16	7	3	7	25		869	7	24	31					
Harmony,	17	1	4	27	388	6	2236	84	133	227	105 87	100 00	198 50	64 00	10 00
Georgia,	10			5	268										
Mississippi,	14	1	3	24	21	17	591	9	15	24	303 95	6 25		100 00	21 25
South Alabama.	22		3	34	228	46	1714	66	140	209	479 50	32 40		180 00	17 00
Tombigbee,	7	1	1	10	36	4	420	12	44	56					
Clinton,	7	2		5	25	4	102								
Totals, 111	1855	215	229	2500	23546	7252	233580	6950	14035	21820	$76420 39	$4689 58	$6311 23	$47153 65	$892 87

The following Ministers have died within the last year.

The following names of deceased Presbyterian ministers of our connection, should have been given last year, viz.

Rev. Duncan M'Intyre, of the Presbytery of Fayetteville, and Rev. John T. Hamilton, of the Presbytery of West Lexington.

Since the last publication on this subject, the deaths of the following twenty-six brethren have been ascertained; viz.

Rev. Ebenezer Fitch, D. D., Jeremiah Stow, of the Presbytery of Ontario; Talcot Bates, Onondaga; Joseph Bracket, Geneva; William Lyman, D. D., Genessee; Simon Hoosack, D. D., Albany; Griffith H. Griffith, Bedford; Nathaniel Reeve, Long Island; Herman Daggett, North River; Robert Bryson, Northumberland; John Glendy, D. D., Samuel Knox, Baltimore; Joseph W. Barr, Philadelphia; Robert H. Chapman, D. D., Western District; James H. Brookes, William Hume, West Tennessee; Robert Marshall, West Lexington; Robert L. Caldwell, Thomas Espy, Concord; William M'Millan, D. D., Steubenville; John R. Moreland, Indianapolis; Samuel Stanford, Fayetteville; Murdock Murphy, South Alabama; Alexander Kirkpatrick, South Carolina; John M'Ewen, Harmony; Joseph Stockton, Ohio.

1834.

PHILADELPHIA, May 15, 1834.

THE General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, in the United States of America, met agreeably to appointment, in the Seventh Presbyterian Church, in the city of Philadelphia, Thursday, May 15th, 1834, at 11 o'clock, A. M., and was opened with a sermon by the Rev. William A. McDowell, D. D., the Moderator of the last Assembly, from Psalm cxxii. 6, "Pray for the peace of Jerusalem."

After public worship the Assembly was constituted with prayer.

The Standing Committee of Commissions reported that the following persons present have been duly appointed Commissioners to this General Assembly, viz.:—

PRESBYTERY OF LONDONDERRY—*Minister*—Rev. Silas Aiken. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF NEWBURYPORT—*Minister*—Rev. Gardner B. Perry. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF CHAMPLAIN—*Minister*—Rev. Joel Fisk. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF ALBANY—*Ministers*—Rev. John Glancy, J. Trumbull Backus. *Elders*—Mr. Samuel Hunter, Charles A. Keeler.

PRESBYTERY OF TROY—*Ministers*—Rev. Solomon J. Tracy, Mark Tucker, D. D. *Elders*—Dr. Asa Fitch, Gurdon Grant.

PRESBYTERY OF COLUMBIA—*Ministers*—Rev. Alfred Gardiner, Joel Osborn. *Elders*—Mr. Zalmon Hitchcock, Oliver Coe.

PRESBYTERY OF WATERTOWN—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—Mr. Jason Clark.

PRESBYTERY OF ST. LAWRENCE—*Minister*—Rev. Hiram S. Johnson. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF OSWEGO—*Minister*—Rev. Ralph Robinson. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF ONEIDA—*Ministers*—Rev. Samuel C. Aiken, Abijah Crane, James I. Ostrom. *Elders*—Mr. George Brayton, Charles Coolidge.

PRESBYTERY OF OTSEGO—*Minister*—Rev. Lumond Wilcox. *Elder*—Mr. William A. Walker.

PRESBYTERY OF CHENANGO—*Minister*—Rev. Samuel Manning. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF DELAWARE—*Minister*—Rev. Daniel Waterbury. *Elder*—Mr. Ebenezer Penfield.

PRESBYTERY OF CORTLAND—*Minister*—Rev. Samuel T. Mills. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF ONONDAGA—*Minister*—Rev. Carlos Smith. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF CAYUGA—*Minister*—Rev. Seth Smith. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF TIOGA—*Minister*—Rev. Samuel Shafer. *Elder*—Mr. Daniel Mersereau.

PRESBYTERY OF GENEVA—*Ministers*—Rev. Miles P. Squier, Eliakim Phelps. *Elders*—Daniel W. Forman, Henry Wells.

PRESBYTERY OF BATH—*Minister*—Rev. Isaac W. Platt. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF ANGELICA—*Minister*—Rev. Samuel W. May. *Elder*—Mr. James Hurlbut.

PRESBYTERY OF ONTARIO—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF ROCHESTER—*Ministers*—Rev. Charles E. Furman, Richard Dunning. *Elder*—Mr. Selah Matthews.

PRESBYTERY OF GENESSEE—*Minister*—Rev. Charles Fitch. *Elder*—Mr. Daniel Frazer.

PRESBYTERY OF NIAGARA—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF BUFFALO—*Ministers*—Rev. Sylvester Cowles, James Remington. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF HUDSON—*Minister*—Rev. Sylvester Sweezy. *Elder*—Mr. Nathaniel Brewster.

PRESBYTERY OF NORTH RIVER—*Minister*—Rev. Robert G. Armstrong. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF BEDFORD—*Minister*—Rev. Jacob Green. *Elder*—Dr. Matson Smith.

PRESBYTERY OF LONG ISLAND—*Minister*—Rev. Joseph D. Condit. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF LONG ISLAND, (2*d.*)—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF NEW YORK—*Ministers*—Rev. Henry Hunter, Cyrus Mason. *Elders*—Mr. Samuel Boyd, Cyrenius Beers.

PRESBYTERY OF NEW YORK, (2d.)—*Minister*—Rev. W. D. Snodgrass, D. D. *Elder*—Mr. William Wallace.

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PRESBYTERY OF NEWARK—*Ministers*—Rev. Barnabas King, Elias K. Fairchild. *Elders*—Mr. Frederick S. Thomas, Lot Dixon.

PRESBYTERY OF ELIZABETHTOWN—*Minister*—Rev. Abraham Williamson. *Elder*—Mr. Benjamin McDowell.

PRESBYTERY OF NEW BRUNSWICK—*Ministers*—Rev. Isaac V. Brown, Albert B. Dod. *Elders*—Mr. William Wilson, Caleb S. Green.

PRESBYTERY OF NEWTON—*Ministers*—Rev. Isaac N. Candee, Robert Love. *Elders*—Charles Davis, James Kennedy.

PRESBYTERY OF SUSQUEHANNA—*Minister*—Rev. Oscar Harris. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF MONTROSE—*Minister*—Rev. Sylvester Cook. *Elder*—Mr. Nathan Kellogg.

PRESBYTERY OF PHILADELPHIA—*Minister*—Rev. Ashbel Green, D. D. *Elder*—Mr. Charles Woodward.

PRESBYTERY OF PHILADELPHIA, (2d.)—*Minister*—Rev. Ezra Stiles Ely, D. D. *Elder*—Mr. Frederick Scofield.

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PRESBYTERY OF NEW CASTLE—*Ministers*—Rev. James Magraw, D. D James Latta. *Elder*—Mr. Moore Connel.

PRESBYTERY OF WILMINGTON—*Minister*—Rev. Jas. C. How. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF LEWES—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF BALTIMORE—*Minister*—Rev. George Morrison. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA—*Ministers*—Rev. Ichabod L. Skinner. *Elder*—Mr. Peter W. Gaulladet.

PRESBYTERY OF CARLISLE—*Ministers*—Rev. Amos A. McKinley, James C. Watson. *Elders*—Mr. Jacob Cassat, James Agnew.

PRESBYTERY OF HUNTINGDON—*Minister*—Rev. David McKinney. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF NORTHUMBERLAND—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—Mr. Andrew D. Hepburn.

PRESBYTERY OF ALLEGHENY—*Minister*—Rev. Loyal Young. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF ERIE—*Minister*—Rev. George A. Lyon. *Elder*—Mr. Andrew Bowman.

PRESBYTERY OF BEAVER—*Minister*—Rev. John W. Scott. *Elder*—Mr. William McCombs.

PRESBYTERY OF REDSTONE—*Minister*—Rev. Robert Henry. *Elder*—Dr. H. Campbell.

PRESBYTERY OF STEUBENVILLE—*Minister*—Rev. Jacob Coon. *Elder*—Mr. Edward Vanhorn.

PRESBYTERY OF WASHINGTON—*Minister*—Rev. James McKennan. *Elder*—Mr. James McFaren.

PRESBYTERY OF OHIO—*Ministers*—Rev. George Marshall, Samuel C. Jennings. *Elder*—Mr. Francis G. Bailey.

PRESBYTERY OF BLAIRSVILLE—*Minister*—Rev. Samuel McFerran. *Elder*—Mr. William Craig.

PRESBYTERY OF DETROIT—*Minister*—Rev. Luther Shaw. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF ST. JOSEPH—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF GRAND RIVER—*Minister*—Rev. Jonathan Leslie. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF PORTAGE—*Minister*—Rev. Samuel Bissell. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF HURON—*Minister*—Rev. Everton Judson. *Elder*—Mr. Simon G. Stimpson.

PRESBYTERY OF TRUMBULL—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF CLEAVELAND—*Minister*—Rev. John Monteith. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF MONROE—*Minister*—Rev. Reuben Armstrong. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF COLUMBUS—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF RICHLAND—*Minister*—Rev. James Scott. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF CHILLICOTHE—*Minister*—Rev. John P. Vandyke. *Elder*—Mr. Israel Donaldson.

PRESBYTERY OF LANCASTER—*Minister*—Rev. William Wylie. *Elder*—Mr. Samuel F. M'Craken.

PRESBYTERY OF ATHENS—*Minister*—Rev. Luke De Witt. *Elder*—Mr. Charles Shipman.

PRESBYTERY OF MIAMI—*Minister*—Rev. Simeon H. Crane. *Elder*—Mr. Cyrus Johnston.

PRESBYTERY OF CINCINNATI—*Ministers*—Rev. Benjamin Graves, Thomas Brainerd. *Elders*—Mr. Robert Boal, Elnathan Kemper.

PRESBYTERY OF OXFORD—*Minister*—Rev. Alexander M'Farlane. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF SALEM—*Minister*—Rev. Michael A. Remley. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF MADISON—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—Mr. Williamson Dunn.

PRESBYTERY OF VINCENNES—*Minister*—Rev. Andrew Wylie, D. D. *Elder*—Mr. James Carnahan.

PRESBYTERY OF CRAWFORDSVILLE—*Minister*—Rev. Edmund O. Hovey. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF INDIANAPOLIS—*Minister*—Rev. William Sickles. *Elder*—Mr. James Blake.

PRESBYTERY OF ILLINOIS—*Minister*—Rev. John M. Ellis. *Elder*—Mr. David B. Ayers.

PRESBYTERY OF KASKASKIA—*Minister*—Rev. Benjamin F. Spilman. *Elder*—Mr. Washington A. G. Posey.

PRESBYTERY OF SANGAMON—*Minister*—Rev. Lucien Farnam. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF SCHUYLER—*Minister*—Rev. Romulus Barnes. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF PALESTINE—*Minister*—Rev. Isaac Bennett. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF MISSOURI—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF ST. LOUIS—*Minister*—Rev. John F. Cowan. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF ST. CHARLES—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF LOUISVILLE—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF MUHLENBERG—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF TRANSYLVANIA—*Minister*—Rev. William L. Breckinridge. *Elder*—Mr. David A. Russell.

PRESBYTERY OF WEST LEXINGTON—*Minister*—Rev. Orramel S. Hinckley. *Elder*—Mr. Daniel B. Price.

PRESBYTERY OF EBENEZER—*Minister*—Rev. Charles Philips. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF WINCHESTER—*Minister*—Rev. Samuel B. Wilson. *Elder*—Mr. James H. Fitzgerald.

PRESBYTERY OF EAST HANOVER—*Minister*—Rev. William J. Armstrong. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF WEST HANOVER—*Ministers*—Rev. John Kirkpatrick, J. H. C. Leach. *Elders*—Mr. John Rice, George M. Payne.

PRESBYTERY OF LEXINGTON—*Ministers*—Rev. Francis M'Farland, James Morrison. *Elders*—Mr. William H. Allen, John Caruthers.

PRESBYTERY OF ORANGE—*Minister*—Rev. Daniel L. Russell. *Elder*—Dr. Elias Hawes.

PRESBYTERY OF FAYETTEVILLE—*Minister*—Rev. Joseph Brown. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF CONCORD—*Minister*—Rev. Daniel Lindley. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF ABINGDON—*Minister*—Rev. David R. Preston. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF UNION—*Ministers*—Rev. Darius Hoyt, Sumner Mandeville *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF HOLSTON—*Minister*—James King. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF FRENCH BROAD—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—Henry Hoss.

PRESBYTERY OF WEST TENNESSEE—*Minister*—Rev. Philip Lindsley, D. D. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of Shiloh—*Minister*—Rev. William Eagleton. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of North Alabama—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of Western District—*Minister*—Rev. Alexander A. Campbell. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of South Carolina—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of Bethel—*Minister*—Rev. Jephtha Harrison. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of Hopewell—*Minister*—Rev. Samuel J. Cassels. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of Charleston Union—*Minister*—Rev. Elipha White. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of Harmony—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of Georgia—*Minister*—Rev. Ebenezer H. Snowden. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of Good Hope—*Minister*—Rev. Thomas F. Scott. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of Mississippi—*Minister*—Rev. Abraham Hagaman. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of South Alabama—*Minister*—Rev. Alexander Cunningham. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of Tombigbee—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of Clinton—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

General Association of Connecticut—Rev. Cyrus Yale, Roswell Whitmore, John Blatchford.

General Association of Massachusetts—Rev. Parsons Cook.

General Association of New Hampshire—Rev. John Woods.

General Convention of Vermont—Rev. Willard Child.

General Synod of Reformed Dutch Church—Rev. Wm. M'Murray, D. D.

General Synod of German Reformed Church—None.

General Conference of Maine—Rev. Swan L. Pomeroy.

Evangelical Consociation of Rhode Island—Rev. John Starkweather.

The Committee further reported, that all the commissions from the Presbytery of West Hanover, a commission from the Presbytery of Georgia, and the commissions from the Presbytery of Transylvania, want the signature of the Moderator; that one of the commissions from the Presbytery of Troy is an extract from the Minutes of the Presbytery, signed by the Stated Clerk; that one of the commissions from the Presbytery of Miami wants the signature of the Clerk; that a commission supposed to be from the Presbytery of Oswego, has not the name of any Presbytery, and though signed by the Moderator and Clerk, is not in the form prescribed in the Form of Government; and that the Rev. Alexander Cunningham, of the Presbytery of South Alabama, has stated to the Committee that he had been appointed a commissioner, but had not received his commission; and that a commission from the Presbytery of Sangamon is dated more than seven months since.

Mr. Francis McFarland, Mr. Mason, and Mr. Boyd were appointed a Committee of Elections; and the informal commissions and the case of Mr. Cunningham, were referred to them. The Assembly had a recess until 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock the Assembly met. The Committee of Elections reported, that they have examined the cases of the commissioners referred to them, when (after some discussion) it was resolved that they all be admitted as members; and their names be enrolled in the list of members reported by the Committee of Commissions.

The Assembly proceeded to the choice of a Moderator and a temporary clerk, when the Rev. Dr. Philip Lindsley was unanimously chosen Moderator; and the Rev. Jacob Green was chosen temporary clerk.

The Assembly were informed that the Rev. Andrew Reed, of London, and the Rev. James Matheson, of Durham, England, had been appointed by the Congregational Union of England and Wales as delegates to this General Assembly, and were present.

Resolved, That they be received as corresponding members of this body, on the same principles as members from other ecclesiastical bodies in correspondence with the General Assembly.

Mr. Reed and Mr. Matheson were then introduced to the Assembly by the stated clerk, and took their seats as corresponding members.

Resolved, That the stated clerk have printed and distributed among the members a list of the names of members; and also of the names of the members of the several committees appointed by the Assembly.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Friday morning, May 16th, 9 o'clock.

The Assembly met agreeably to adjournment, and was opened with prayer.

The minutes of yesterday were read.

The committee of commissions reported the following additional members, who appeared and took their seats, viz: Rev. John P. Hudson, from the Presbytery of Northumberland; the Rev. Henry Shedd, from the Presbytery of Columbus; Rev. Ezra King, from the Second Presbytery of Long Island; Mr. Willard Hall, a ruling elder from the Presbytery of Wilmington, and the Rev. C. H. Mustard, from the Presbytery of Lewes.

The committee also reported that the Rev. Leicester A. Sawyer, from the Presbytery of Watertown; Mr. B. Pike Chase, a ruling elder from the Presbytery of Londonderry, and Dr. Hugh McCorkle, a ruling elder from the Presbytery of New Castle, had stated to them that they were appointed commissioners, but had not their commissions. These cases were referred to the committee of elections.

Dr. Magraw, Dr. Snodgrass, Dr. Tucker, Mr. William J. Armstrong, Mr. Reed, Mr. Woods, Mr. Wm. Wylie, Mr. Breckinridge, Mr. Hall, Dr. Hawes, and Mr. C. S. Green, were appointed a committee of overtures, to meet in this house immediately upon the rising of the Assembly this morning, and afterwards on their own adjournment.

Mr. Francis McFarland, Mr. S. B. Wilson, Mr. Williamson, Mr. Clancy, Dr. McMurray, Mr. Boyd, Mr. David A. Russell, and Mr. Agnew, were appointed a judicial committee.

Mr. Beers, Mr. Thomas, and Mr. Ayres, were appointed a committee to receive an account of the miles travelled by the commissioners to the Assembly, and to make an apportionment of the commissioners' fund agreeably to the standing rule on the subject.

Mr. Platt, Mr. Watson, Mr. Condit, Mr. Halstead, and Dr. Beatty, were appointed a committee on giving leave of absence.

Resolved, That it be the order of the day for Monday next, at 10 o'clock, to receive communications on the state of religion.

Resolved, That it be the order of the day for Tuesday next, at 10 o'clock, to nominate delegates to corresponding bodies.

Rev. James Patterson, the delegate to the General Association of New Hampshire and the General Convention of Vermont, made a report, which was accepted.

Dr. Ely, Dr. McDowell, and Mr. Jacob Green, were appointed a committee to receive the reports of the Presbyteries on the amendment to the Constitution proposed by the last Assembly, and report the result to the Assembly.

The Directors of the Union Theological Seminary made their annual report, which was accepted, and ordered to be printed in the appendix to the minutes.

A letter from the United Secession Church of Scotland was received and read, and ordered to be printed in the appendix to the minutes in connection with the letter of the last Assembly to that body.

Resolved, That Dr. Green, Mr. Perry, and Dr. Woodbridge, be a committee to draught a letter in reply to the above.

Accompanying the letter from the United Secession Church of Scotland was a copy of their minutes from A. D. 1820 to 1833, and a copy of their Testimony, both elegantly bound, which were ordered to be deposited with the stated clerk.

The permanent clerk reported that there have been put into his hands the following items of Judicial business, viz: an appeal and complaint of the Second Presbytery of Philadelphia against the Synod of Philadelphia; an appeal and complaint of the Fifth Church, Philadelphia, relative to a call for Dr. Beman, referred to the General Assembly, by the Synod of Philadelphia; memorial and complaint of the Fifth Church, Philadelphia, against the Second Presbytery of Philadelphia; complaint of John Cochran, against the Synod of Philadelphia; complaint of Daniel Hayden and others, against a decision of the Synod of Cincinnati; appeal of J. L. Wilson and others, in the case of Dr. Beecher; appeal and reasons of J. L. Wilson and others, against the Synod of Cincinnati, in the case of the Rev. George Beecher; appeal from members of Cooperstown Church, from a decision of the Presbytery of Otsego; complaint against the Synod of Utica, by Alexander M'Cowan; complaint of Dr. Henry Davis, against the Synod of Utica; an appeal of Chloe G. Giles, from a decision of the Synod of Utica; and an appeal of Benedict Hobbs, from a decision of the Synod of Kentucky. The above papers were put into the hands of the judicial committee.

The stated clerk reported that he had received from the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions two hundred copies of their last annual report, which he was ordered to distribute among the members of the Assembly.

He also informed the Assembly that he had received a number of copies of the minutes of the General Convention of Vermont, the General Association of Massachusetts, the General Association of Connecticut, and the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church, which he was also directed to distribute among the members.

Adjourned till this afternoon at 4 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Friday afternoon, 4 o'clock, P. M.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The committee of commissions reported the following additional members, who appeared and took their seats, viz: Isaac Proctor, a ruling elder from the Presbytery of Salem; and Pliny Dickerson, a ruling elder from the Presbytery of Onondaga.

The committee further reported that the Rev. Rufus W. Bailey, of the Presbytery of Harmony, had stated to them that he was appointed a commissioner, but had not his commission. His case was referred to the committee of elections.

Dr. Lansing, Mr. Jennings, Mr. Phelps, Mr. Matheson and Mr. Parsons Cook, were appointed a committee to prepare a narrative of the state of religion.

Dr. McDowell, Dr. Ely, and Mr. I. V. Brown, were appointed a committee to make arrangements for the religious exercises of Wednesday next.

A letter was presented by the Stated Clerk, from the Presbytery of New Brunswick, in the British dominions in North America, in connection with the Church of Scotland, which was read, and committed to Dr. Ely and Mr. Jacob Green

The following committees were appointed to examine the Synodical Records, viz:

The Records of the Synod of

Albany—Mr. Mandeville, Mr. I. V. Brown and Mr. Woodward.
Utica—Mr. Hagaman, Mr. Harrison and Dr. M. Smith.
Geneva—Mr. Ellis, Mr. May and Mr. Gallaudet.
Genessee—Mr. S. H. Crane, Mr. Cowles and Dr. Fitch.
New York—Mr. J. King, Mr. Fairchild and Mr. Dunn.
New Jersey—Mr. Gardner, Mr. Hitchcock and Mr. Stimson.
Philadelphia—Mr. White, Dr. Lansing and Mr. Boal.
Pittsburgh—Mr. Wilcox, Mr. Waterbury and Mr. Price.
Western Reserve—Mr. Skinner, Mr. Fairchild and Mr. C. Johnston.
Ohio—Mr. Ostrom, Mr. Furman and Mr. Hoss.
Cincinnati—Mr. E. Phelps, Mr. Mills and Mr. Scofield.
Indiana—Mr. James Morrison, Mr. R. G. Armstrong and Mr. Kemper.
Illinois—Mr. How, Mr. Leech and Mr. Walker.
Missouri—Mr. Monteith, Mr. Phillips and Mr. Dixon.
Kentucky—Mr. McKinney, Mr. B. King and Mr. Brayton.
Virginia—Mr. Breckinridge, Mr. Latta and Mr. Blake.
North Carolina—Mr. Tracy, Mr. Sickels and Mr. Posey.
Tennessee—Mr. Squier, Mr. Hinckley, and Mr. Fitzgerald.
West Tennessee—Mr. Silas Aikin, Mr. Carlos Smith, and Mr. Wells.
South Carolina and Georgia—Mr. S. C. Aiken, Mr. H. S. Johnson, and J. Clark.
Mississippi and South Alabama—Mr. Osborn, Mr. Stow, and Mr. Penfield.

The Committee of Overtures reported Overtures Nos. 1, 2, and 3.

Overture No. 1. viz: "An application from the Presbytery of New Brunswick for an alteration in Statistical Reports, so as to include moneys collected for Sabbath and Infant Schools in a distinct column, from those collected for the education of pious youth for the gospel ministry," was committed to Mr. Platt, Mr. R. G. Armstrong and Mr. Hall.

Overture No. 2. viz: "A proposition from the Presbytery of North Alabama, to have the constitution so amended, as to have the General Assembly meet only once in two years," was committed to Dr. Wylie, Mr. George Marshall, and Mr. James Agnew.

Overture No. 3. viz. "An application from the Synod of Ohio, requesting that the young men who are sent within their bounds as missionaries with a view to settlement, may have their ordination deferred until they come within their bounds," was committed to Mr. Mason, Mr. Latta, and Dr. Beatty.

The Judicial Committee reported the appeal and complaint of the Second Presbytery of Philadelphia against a decision of the Synod of Philadelphia, as in order; and recommended the order to be pursued in hearing and trying said appeal and complaint.

This report was accepted, and the subject was made the order of the day for to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Resolved, That it be the order of the day for Tuesday next at 12 o'clock, to hear the report of the Board of Education.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Saturday morning, May 17th, 9 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The Committee of Commissions reported the following additional Commissioners, who appeared and took their seats, viz: Rev. Albertus L. Watts, and Dr. William A. Shaw, a ruling elder, both from the Presbytery of Orange.

The Committee of Elections reported in favour of the reception of Rev. Rufus W. Bailey, of the Presbytery of Harmony, as a member of the Assembly, and Mr. Bailey took his seat.

The committee to which was referred by the last Assembly, the question, "Whether baptism by a popish priest ought to be considered as valid?" made a report, when the committee, agreeably to their request made in the report, were discharged from the further consideration of this subject.

The committee to whom was referred Overture No. 1, made a report, which, together with the whole subject of statistical reports on pecuniary matters, was, after some discussion, committed to Mr. Platt, Mr. Kirkpatrick, Mr. Armstrong, Mr. D. L. Russell, and Mr. Boyd.

The permanent Clerk reported that the following items of judicial business were lodged with him yesterday, viz: A protest, and complaint of the minority of the Synod of Philadelphia in relation to the refusal of the Presbytery of Philadelphia to receive a minister from another Presbytery; appeals of the Session of the Church of Bloomington, and of Dr. Wylie, from a decision of the Synod of Indiana on the cases respecting J. H. Harney; and a complaint of Rev. George Duffield, and Rev. E. W. Gilbert against the Synod of Philadelphia.

Resolved, That it be the order of the day for Tuesday morning next at 11 o'clock, to receive the report of the Board of Missions.

The Committee of Overtures reported Overtures No. 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8, which were ordered to be put upon the docket.

The Assembly proceeded agreeably to the order of the day, to the Appeal and Complaint of the Second Presbytery of Philadelphia against the decision of the Synod of Philadelphia.

The moderator read the rule, calling the members to recollect and regard their high character, as judges of a court of Jesus Christ, and the solemn duty in which they are about to act.

The decision of the Synod appealed from and complained of, the reasons assigned by the Presbytery for their appeal and complaint, and the whole proceedings of the Synod in the case were read.

Monday morning, May 19, 9 *o'clock.*

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The committee of Commissions reported as a member, Mr. James Tilson, Jr., a ruling elder from the Presbytery of Sangamon, who took his seat.

The committee of Overtures reported Overtures No. 9, 10, 11, 12, which were put upon the docket.

The committee to make arrangements for the religious exercises of Wednesday made the following Report, which was adopted, viz.

That the Assembly, together with such other persons as may choose to meet with them, convene in this house at 10 o'clock, and engage in religious exercises, as follows, viz.

1. A psalm or hymn, and a statement of the object of the meeting by the Moderator. 2. Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Ostrom. 3. Reading a portion of Scripture by the Rev. James Morrison. 4. Exhortation by the Rev. Cyrus Mason. 5. Prayer and a psalm or hymn by the Rev. Mr. Whitmore. 6. Exhortation by the Rev. Thomas F. Scott. 7. Prayer by Rev. James M'Kennan. 8. Reading the Scriptures by the Rev. Mr. Brainerd. 9. Exhortation by the Rev. Andrew Reed. 10. Concluding prayer, hymn, with the doxology, and the benediction by the Rev. Eliakim Phelps.

Overtures No. 4 and 5 were taken up, viz. the following questions from the Synod of West Tennessee: 1. "Is it expedient in the present state of the

Church for a Presbyterian minister to baptize by immersion in any case?" 2. "Is the baptism of the children of non-professing parents to be regarded as valid baptism?" These Overtures were committed to Mr. William J. Armstrong, Mr. Thomas F. Scott, and Mr. Bowman.

The Assembly proceeded, agreeably to the order of the day, to receive from the Presbyteries written narratives of the state of religion. The Presbyteries were called, and the narratives handed to the Committee appointed to prepare a general narrative. The narratives from the Corresponding bodies were read or delivered by their Delegates, and handed to the Committee.

The Assembly resumed the Appeal and Complaint of the Second Presbytery of Philadelphia against a decision of the Synod of Philadelphia.

The Presbytery were heard in part.

Adjourned till this afternoon at 4 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Monday afternoon, 4 *o'clock.*

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The committee of Commissions reported the Rev. Alexander M. Cowan from the Presbytery of Cayuga as a member, who took his seat.

They also reported that the Rev. John Brainerd, Jr., from the Presbytery of Ontario, had presented to them an extract from the minutes of the Presbytery, certifying his appointment as a Commissioner. This case was referred to the committee on Elections.

The Assembly resumed the Appeal and Complaint of the Second Presbytery of Philadelphia against the Synod of Philadelphia. The Presbytery were further heard in support of their appeal and complaint.

The committee of Elections reported in favour of the reception of the Rev. John Brainerd, Jr., of the Presbytery of Ontario, as a member of the Assembly, which report was accepted, and Mr. Brainerd took his seat.

The committee on Overture No. 3, made a report, which was accepted and laid on the table.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Tuesday morning, 9 *o'clock, May* 20*th.*

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The Assembly resumed the appeal and complaint of the Second Presbytery of Philadelphia, against the Synod of Philadelphia.

The Synod were heard for some time in defence of their act complained of.

The orders of the day for this forenoon were severally postponed; and the Synod continued their defence.

Adjourned till this afternoon at 4 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Tuesday afternoon, 4 *o'clock, P. M.*

The Assembly met and was opened with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The committee of Commissions reported the Rev. Chester Birge, from the Presbytery of Trumbull, as a member of the Assembly, who took his seat.

The Assembly resumed the appeal and complaint of the Second Presbytery of Philadelphia. The Synod continued their defence.

Adjourned for business till to-morrow after the public religious exercises. Concluded with prayer.

Wednesday, May 21, 12½ *o'clock, P. M.*

The Assembly met for business and was opened with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The committee of Commissions reported the following additional members, who took seats; viz. Mr. Isaac Bredell, a ruling elder from the Presbytery of Lewes, and Mr. George Morris, a ruling elder from the Presbytery of Baltimore.

The morning was spent in public religious exercises, agreeably to the report of the committee of arrangements.

The annual report of the Board of Missions was made, and read to the Assembly by the Rev. Dr. Wm. A. McDowell, their Corresponding Secretary and General Agent.

This report was accepted and referred to the Board for publication.

Resolved, That the rule adopted by the last Assembly, limiting the number of members of the Board, to be elected annually, to six ministers and six elders, be so altered as to fix the number to be elected annually at ten ministers and six elders.

Resolved, That when the vote shall be taken, the ten ministers highest on the list be the members to fill the places, vacated the present year, and that the four next highest be added to the number elected last year.

The Assembly had a recess until this afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Wednesday, 4 o'clock, P. M.

The Assembly met and resumed the appeal and complaint of the Second Presbytery of Philadelphia. The Synod finished their defence, and several of those who dissented from the decision, gave their reasons for their dissent.

The Assembly took up the report of the committee on Overture No. 3, which was laid on the table, which being read and amended was adopted, and is as follows, viz.

Whereas many of the ministers, who are to supply the vacant churches and destitute places in the more new and growing parts of our church must for some time to come, continue to be educated in the older sections of our country, and at a great distance from the field where they are to be employed; and whereas, it is important to the happy and useful settlement of these ministers in their several fields of labour, that they should enjoy the full confidence of the ministers and churches among whom they are to dwell; and whereas the ordination of ministers in the presence of the people among whom they are to labour is calculated to endear them very much to their flocks, while it gives their fathers and brethren in the ministry, an opportunity of knowing their opinions and sentiments on subjects of doctrine and discipline; and whereas our Form of Government seems to recognize the right and privilege of each Presbytery to examine and ordain those who come to the pastoral office within their bounds, and who have never before exercised that office, Therefore, *Resolved*, 1, That it be earnestly recommended to all our Presbyteries, not to ordain, *sine titulo*, any men, who propose to pursue the work of their ministry in any sections of the country where a Presbytery is already organized, to which they may go as licentiates and receive ordination. 2. That the several bodies with which we are in friendly correspondence in the New England States, be respectfully requested to use their counsel and influence to prevent the ordination, by any of their Councils or Consociations, of men who propose to pursue the work of the ministry within the bounds of any Presbytery belonging to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church; and that the Delegates from this Assembly to those bodies respectively be charged with communicating this resolution.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Thursday morning, May 22, 9 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The Committee of Commissions reported the following additional members, who took their seats, viz: Rev. Enoch Pratt, from the General Association of Massachusetts, and Mr. Ephraim Scofield, a ruling elder, from the Presbytery of North River.

The committee on leave of absence, reported that they had given leave to Mr. Grant.

The committee to whom were referred the returns from the Presbyteries, on the subject of a change in the Constitution in relation to the calling of special meetings of Synod, reported, that eleven Presbyteries have decided against the proposed amendment; that *thirty eight* have reported in favour of it; that there are at present *one hundred and eighteen* Presbyteries under the care of the General Assembly; that *sixty* Presbyteries are requisite to authorize any change in the Constitution; and that the proposed amendment is not adopted. This report was adopted.

Resolved, That the Presbyteries which have not sent up their decisions on this subject be required to send them to the next Assembly; and that the stated clerk file the decisions reported to this Assembly, to be considered by the next Assembly, as the decisions of these Presbyteries respectively, unless they choose to send up a different decision.

Mr. Pomeroy was appointed one of the committee on the Narrative in the place of Mr. Cook, of Massachusetts, who has informed the Assembly that duty requires him to leave the house.

The committee on Overtures Nos. 4 and 5, reported, and after some discussion, the report was recommitted to the same committee with the addition of Mr. Francis McFarland.

The Assembly resumed the appeal and complaint of the Second Presbytery of Philadelphia. The minority of the Synod were further heard in giving reasons for their dissent from the decision.

Adjourned till this afternoon at half-past 3 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Thursday afternoon, half-past 3 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The committee on milage reported the amount paid by the Presbyteries respectively into the Commissioners' fund.

The Assembly resumed the unfinished business of the morning. The Second Presbytery of Philadelphia were heard in reply. The parties were then considered as withdrawn.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Friday morning, May 23, 9 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The Permanent Clerk reported that a complaint had been put into his hands this morning from Mr. James Dickinson, a ruling elder in the Church of Ripley, in the Presbytery of Buffalo.

Resolved, That inasmuch as this complaint was not presented within the constitutional time, the Assembly do not receive it.

The stated clerk informed the Assembly that he had received 200 copies of the Annual Report of the Western Foreign Missionary Society, for the use of the members of the Assembly, which he was ordered to distribute among the members.

The Judicial Committee reported items of judicial business, Nos. 2, 4, 5, and 6, which were ordered to be put on the docket.

The Judicial Committee reported on the complaint of the Rev. George Duf-

field and Rev. E. W. Gilbert, that they have leave to withdraw their papers, which report was adopted.

The Synod resumed the appeal and complaint of the Second Presbytery of Philadelphia. The roll was called to give each member an opportunity to express his opinion. Some progress was made in this business, when the Assembly adjourned till this afternoon at 4 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Friday afternoon, 4 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The Assembly proceeded in calling the roll to give the members an opportunity to express their opinion on the appeal and complaint of the Second Presbytery of Philadelphia; and made further progress in this business.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Saturday morning, May 24, 9 o'clock.

The Assembly met and was opened with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The committee on leave of absence reported that they have given leave to the following members, viz., Mr. D. A. Russell, Mr. Cassat, Dr. McCorkle, Mr. Connell and Mr. H. Hunter.

The committee on Overture No. 2, made a report, which was accepted and laid on the table.

Overture No. 6, viz., "A memorial from a number of judicatories, and individual ministers and ruling elders, in different parts of the church, on the present state of the Presbyterian church, was taken up, and committed to Mr. Leach, Mr. James Morrison, Mr. Platt, Mr. Thomas F. Scott, and Dr. Hawes.

The Assembly resumed the appeal and complaint of the Second Presbytery of Philadelphia; the calling of the roll was continued.

Adjourned till this afternoon at 4 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Saturday afternoon, 4 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The committee of commissions reported as a member of the Assembly Mr. Abijah Bayless, a ruling elder from the Presbytery of Louisville, who took his seat.

Mr. Bayless informed the Assembly that his colleague from the Presbytery of Louisville, the Rev. James L. Marshall had been suddenly taken sick, and after a short illness, had died on his way to attend the meeting of this body.

The Assembly resumed the calling of the roll on the appeal and complaint of the Second Presbytery of Philadelphia, and made further progress in this business.

Adjourned till Monday morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Monday morning, May 26th, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The committee of commissions reported Mr. Carver Hotchkiss, a ruling elder from the Presbytery of Chenango, as a member of the Assembly, who took his seat.

The committee on leave of absence reported that they have given leave to the following members, viz., Mr. Caleb S. Green, Mr. S. Cook, and Mr. W. Hall.

The Assembly resumed and finished calling the roll on the appeal and complaint of the Second Presbytery of Philadelphia.

The question was then taken on sustaining the appeal and complaint. On a division being called for, the question was first taken on the complaint. On this question the yeas and nays being called were as follows; viz.

YEAS—Messrs. Silas Aiken, Chase, Perry, Fisk, Clancy, S. Hunter, Keeler, Tracy, A. Fitch, Tucker, Gardiner, Osborn, Hitchcock, Coe, Sawyer, H. S. Johnson, Robinson, S. C. Aiken, A. Crane, Ostrom, Brayton, Coolidge, Wilcox, Walker, Manning, Waterbury, Penfield, Mills, S. Smith, A. M. Cowan, Shafer, Mersereau, Squier, Forman, E. Phelps, Wells, May, Hurlbutt, Barnard, Furman, Dunning, Mathews, C. Fitch, Cowles, Sweezey, Scofield, Condit, M. Smith, E. King, Mason, Woodbridge, Halstead, B. King, Fairchild, Thomas, Dixon, A. Williamson, Kellogg, Skinner, Gallaudet, Lyon, Bowman, L. Shaw, Leslie, Bissell, Judson, Stimpson, Birge, Montieth, R. Armstrong, Shedd, McCracken, De Witt, Shipman, Graves, Brainerd, Boal, Kemper, Remley, Proctor, Hovey, Ellis, Ayres, Farnam, Tilson, Barnes, Bennett, J. F. Cowan, Hinckley, Philips, S. B. Wilson, Wm. J. Armstrong, Fitzgerald, Kirkpatrick, Leach, Rice, Payne, Allen, Caruthers, D. L. Russell, Watts, Hawes, W. A. Shaw, Brown, D. Lindley, Hoyt, Mandeville, J. King, Hoss, Eagleton, Harrison, Cassells, White, R. W. Bailey, J. F. Scott, Hagaman, Cunningham.—118.

NAYS—Messrs. J. Clark, Hotchkiss, C. Smith, Platt, Fraser, Brewster, J. Green, Boyd, Beers, Snodgrass, Wallace, B. M'Dowell, I. V. Brown, W. Wilson, Dod, Candee, Love, Kennedy, Harris, G. Morrison, Morris, Young, J. W. Scott, McCombs, Henry, H. Campbell, Coon, Vanhorn, McKennan, J. McFaren, Marshall, F. G. Bailey, Jennings, S. McFarran, Craig, J. Scott, Vandyke, Donaldson, Wm. Wylie, S. H. Crane, C. Johnston, A. McFarlane, Dunn, A. Wylie, Carnahan, Sickles, Blake, Spilman, Posey, A. Bayless, Breckinridge, Price, F. M'Farland, J. Morrison, Preston, A. Campbell, Snowden.—57.

The question was then taken on sustaining the *appeal*, on which the yeas and nays were as follows: viz.

YEAS—Messrs. Chase, Fisk, S. Hunter, Keeler, Tracy, A. Fitch, Gardiner, Osborn, Hitchcock, Coe, Sawyer, H. S. Johnson, Robinson, S. C. Aiken, A. Crane, Ostrom, Brayton, Coolidge, Wilcox, Walker, Waterbury, Penfield, Mills, S. Smith, Shafer, Mersereau, D. W. Forman, E. Phelps, Wells, May, C. E. Furman, Dunning, C. Fitch, Cowles, Scofield, Condit, M. Smith, Woodbridge, Halstead, B. King, Fairchild, Thomas, Kellogg, Gallaudet, Lyon, Bowman, L. Shaw, Leslie, Bissell, Judson, Stimpson, Birge, R. Armstrong, McCracken, De Witt, Shipman, Graves, Brainerd, Boal, Kemper, Remley, Proctor, Hovey, Ayres, Farnam, Tilson, Barnes, J. F. Cowan, Hinckley, Price, Phillips, S. B. Wilson, Fitzgerald, Kirkpatrick, Leach, Rice, Payne, Caruthers, Hawes, Watts, W. A. Shaw, Hoyt, Mandeville, J. King, Hoss, Eagleton, White, R. W. Bailey, Hagaman, Cunningham.—90.

NAYS—Messrs. S. Aiken, Clancy, Tucker, J. Clark, Manning, Hotchkiss, C. Smith, A. M. Cowan, Squier, Platt, Barnard, Matthews, Fraser, Remington, Brewster, J. Green, E. King, Boyd, Mason, Beers, Snodgrass, Wallace, Williamson, B. McDowell, I. V. Brown, Dod, W. Wilson, Candee, Love, Kennedy, Harris, G. Morrison, Morris, Skinner, Young, J. W. Scott, McCombs, Henry, H. Campbell, Coon, Vanhorn, McKennan, J. McFaren, Marshall, Francis G. Bailey, Jennings, S. McFerran, Craig, Montieth, Shedd, J. Scott, Van Dyke, Donaldson, W. Wylie, S. H. Crane, C. Johnston, A. McFarlane, Dunn, A. Wylie, Carnahan, Sickles, Blake, Spilman, Posey, Bennet, Bayless, Breckinridge, W. J. Armstrong, Price, M'Farland, J. Morrison, Allen, D. L. Russell, J. Brown, D. Lindley, Preston, A. A. Campbell, Harrison, Cassells Snowden, T. F. Scott.—81.

The appeal and complaint of the Second Presbytery of Philadelphia against the Synod of Philadelphia, were then declared to be sustained.

Mr. I. V. Brown gave notice that he claimed in behalf of himself, and those of the minority who may choose to unite with him, the right to enter a protest against this decision.

Dr. Tucker, Mr. E. Phelps, Mr. Williamson, Mr. Wm. Wylie, Mr. A. A. Campbell, Mr. White and Mr. S. B. Wilson were appointed a committee, to draw up a minute in conformity with the vote just taken, and expressive of the views of the Assembly.

Resolved, That it be the order of the day for this afternoon to receive the report of the Board of Education.

Adjourned till this afternoon at 4 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Monday afternoon, 4 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The judicial committee reported on judicial business No. 7, viz: the appeal from the decision of the Presbytery of Otsego, by the Church at Cooperstown, that it appears from the documents that the appeal is made by said church immediately from Presbytery to the Assembly; and they recommend that the appellants have leave to withdraw their appeal, and prosecute it before the Synod of Utica. This report was adopted.

The judicial committee also reported on judicial business No 8, viz: the appeal of Dr. Joshua L. Wilson, and others, against a decision of the Synod of Cincinnati, in the case of Dr. Beecher, that they have examined the same, and are of opinion that Dr. Wilson and others were not a party in the case, and consequently cannot constitutionally appeal, and recommend that they have leave to withdraw their appeal. This report was adopted.

They also reported judicial business Nos. 9 and 10, as in order. These items of business were put upon the docket.

Agreeably to the order of the day the Board of Education made their annual report, which was read by the corresponding secretary, the Rev. John Breckinridge.

This report was accepted and referred to the Board for publication.

The committee appointed to form a minute expressive of the vote of the Assembly on the appeal and complaint of the Second Presbytery of Philadelphia, reported the following resolution, which was adopted, viz:—

Resolved, 1. That the appeal and complaint of the Second Presbytery of Philadelphia against the Synod of Philadelphia be and the same are hereby sustained; and the act of said Synod, so far as it was intended to unite the said Second Presbytery with the Presbytery of Philadelphia, is hereby declared void.

2. That this resolution shall not be so construed as to affect the integrity of the Presbytery which was constituted under the order of the Synod of Philadelphia by the name of the Second Presbytery of Philadelphia in November last; but the same is hereby recognized as a constituent part of the Synod of Philadelphia. The Assembly, however, recommend to the Synod to change the name of said Presbytery.

Judicial business No. 6 was made the order of the day for to-morrow afternoon at 4 o'clock; and judicial business No. 4 was made the order of the day for Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

The Treasurer presented a copy of his annual account as settled and approved by a committee of the trustees, which was laid on the table for the inspection of the members, together with an account of the several funds, and a detailed statement of stocks belonging to each fund after the transfers were made, according to the order of the last General Assembly.

Resolved, That the account of the several funds and the detailed state-

ment of stocks be printed under the direction of the permanent clerk and the treasurer, in the appendix to the minutes.

The committee to whom were referred overtures 4 and 5, from the Synod of West Tennessee, made the following report, which was adopted, viz: That two distinct questions are presented by the Synod:

1. "Is it expedient in the present state of the church for a Presbyterian minister to baptize by immersion in any case?

2. Is the baptism of the children of non-professing parents to be regarded as valid baptism?"

In relation to the first inquiry, the Confession of Faith, chap. xxviii. sec. 3, page 121, teaches as follows, viz: "Dipping of the person into water is not necessary; but baptism is rightly administered by pouring or sprinkling of water upon the person." Your committee see no cause for adding anything to the doctrine of the Confession on this subject.

For a reply to the second inquiry, your committee refer to the Digest, part iv. chap. ii. sec. 1, on page 94, where the judgment of the Assembly in relation to it is fully recorded.

The committee to whom was committed overture No. 1, together with the whole subject of statistical reports, reported that in their judgment it is not expedient for this General Assembly to attempt any alteration in the present form of statistical reports. This report was adopted.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer

Tuesday morning, May 27, 9 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The committee on leave of absence reported that they have given leave to the following persons, viz: Mr. Osborn, Mr. G. Morrison, Mr. L. Shaw, Mr. Birge, Mr. J. King, Mr. Shipman, Mr. Brayton, Mr. Tilson, Mr. Brewster, Mr. Dixon, Dr. Beatty, Mr. Hurlbut, and Mr. Wells.

The committee on milage reported that there has been contributed and paid into the commissioners' fund by fifty-three Presbyteries, and the First Church in Baltimore, the sum of 2043 dollars 46 cents; and that the aggregate number of miles travelled by commissioners attending the sessions of the General Assembly who are entitled to the benefit of the fund is 37,381, which, at 5 cents and 4½ mills per mile, amount to $2037 37, leaving a balance of $6 09 in the hand of your treasurer, as will appear by the annexed memorandum of the apportionment of the fund.

The report of the committee was adopted. Ordered that the trustees issue a warrant on the treasurer for $2037 37, to be paid to the commissioners out of the commissioners' fund, agreeably to the apportionment of the committee of milage.

Resolved, That the next General Assembly be required to meet at Pittsburgh, in the First Presbyterian Church, on the third Thursday in May next.

The committee to whom was referred overture No. 6, viz: "A memorial from a number of judicatories and individual ministers and ruling elders, in different parts of the church, on the present state of the Presbyterian Church," made a report.

A motion was made indefinitely to postpone the whole subject, which was discussed at some length.

Adjourned till this afternoon at 4 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Tuesday afternoon, 4 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The Judicial Committee reported judicial business Nos. 11, 12, and 14, which were put upon the docket.

The committee further reported No. 13, viz: "Complaint of John Cochran against the Synod of Philadelphia," and recommended that the complainant have leave to withdraw his papers, on the ground that the committee have no evidence, that notice of said complaint was given to the Synod.

This report was laid on the table.

The committee also reported on judicial business No 15, viz: "An appeal and complaint of the Fifth Church, Philadelphia, relative to a call for Dr. Beman, referred to the General Assembly by the Synod of Philadelphia;" and recommended that inasmuch as, in the judgment of the committee, the grounds of that reference have been removed, and therefore the action of the Assembly in the case is not called for, the reference be dismissed.

This report was adopted, and the reference accordingly dismissed.

Nominations were made for delegates to attend Corresponding Bodies; and the election was made the order of the day for to-morrow morning.

The order of the day was postponed, and the unfinished business of the morning was resumed, viz: the motion indefinitely to postpone the whole subject of the Memorial on the present state of the Presbyterian Church; and after some discussion it was decided in the negative.

It was then moved that the report of the committee and the points it embraces be postponed with a view to take up in their place the articles in the memorial, on which the memorialists earnestly request a decision. This motion after considerable discussion was also decided in the negative.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Wednesday morning, May 28th, 9 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The committee on leave of absence reported that they have given leave to the following persons, viz: Mr. Thomas, Mr. Matthews, Mr. F. G. Bailey, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. McGinly, and Mr. Frazer.

The Assembly proceeded to the election of delegates to Corresponding Bodies. The ballots were taken and committed to Mr. F. McFarland, Mr. I. V. Brown, and Mr. Dunning to count them, and report the result.

Nominations were made for members of the Board of Missions, and the election was made the order of the day for this afternoon.

Judicial business No. 9, reported by the Judicial Committee, viz: "The complaint of Alexander M. Cowan, against the Synod of Utica," was taken up and the complaint read—when with the consent of Mr. Cowan and the members of the Synod present, it was resolved, that the subject be referred back to the Synod of Utica, and they are hereby directed to issue the case as referred to them by the Presbytery of Otsego.

The Assembly resumed the unfinished business of yesterday, viz: the report of the committee on the Memorial on the present state of the Presbyterian Church, and having decided to consider the same by paragraphs, discussed at length the first resolution.

The committee appointed to count the votes for delegates to Corresponding Bodies, made a report, when it appeared that the following persons are duly elected, viz: Rev. Charles Phillips, Rev. John Breckinridge, and Rev. William Neill, D. D., to attend the General Association of Connecticut.

Rev. Charles Phillips, and Rev. John Breckinridge to attend the General Association of Massachusetts.

Rev. Charles Phillips to attend the Evangelical Association of Rhode Island.

Rev. William Neill, D. D., to attend the General Conference of Maine.

Rev. Mark Tucker, D. D., to attend the General Association of New Hampshire, and the General Convention of Vermont; and the Rev. William Wisner, to be his alternate.

Rev. Robert G. Armstrong, and Mr. George Zabriskie, elder, to attend the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church; and the Rev. Robert McCartee, D. D., to be alternate to Mr. Armstrong, and Mr. Elnathan Kemper, elder, to be alternate to Mr. Zabriskie.

Rev. Francis Herron, D. D., and Rev. Matthew Brown, D. D., to attend the Synod of the German Reformed Church.

And Rev. Robert J. Breckinridge, and Rev. Gardiner Spring, D. D., to attend the Congregational Union of England and Wales; and Rev. Ezra S. Ely, D. D., to be alternate to Mr. Breckinridge, and Rev. William A. McDowell, D. D., to be alternate to Dr. Spring.

The delegates to the Congregational Union of England and Wales were appointed with the understanding that their attendance should be no expense to the Assembly.

Adjourned till this afternoon at 4 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Wednesday afternoon, 4 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The Assembly proceeded to the election of members of the Board of Missions. The ballots were taken and committed to Mr. Williamson, Mr. Fairchild, and Mr. D. Lindley, to count them and report the result.

The Assembly resumed the unfinished business of this morning, viz: the report of the committee on the Memorial on the present state of the Presbyterian Church. The first resolution was further discussed at some length, when the vote was taken on adopting said resolution, which was carried in the affirmative.

The resolution is as follows, viz.

"*Resolved*, That this Assembly cannot sanction the censure contained in the Memorial against the proceedings and measures of former General Assemblies."

The yeas and nays on adopting this resolution were ordered to be recorded, and are as follows, viz:

YEAS—Silas Aiken, Perry, Chase, Fisk, Clancy, Backus, Keeler, Tracy, Tucker, A. Fitch, Gardiner, Hitchcock, Coe, Sawyer, Johnson, Robinson, Samuel C. Aiken, A. Crane, Coolidge, Ostrom, Wilcox, Walker, Waterbury, Penfield, Mills, S. Smith, Shafer, Mersereau, Squier, E. Phelps, D. W. Forman, May, Dunning, Matthews, Cowles, R. G. Armstrong, E. Scofield, M. Smith, Condit, E. King, Woodbridge, Lansing, Halstead, B. King, Fairchild, Thomas, Kellogg, Ely, F. Scofield, How, Bredell, Skinner, Lyon, Bowman, Leslie, Bissell, Judson, Stimpson, Monteith, R. Armstrong, Shedd, McCracken, Dewitt, Graves, Brainerd, Boal, Kemper, Remley, Proctor, Hovey, Ellis, Farnam, Barnes, J. F. Cowan, Hinckley, Phillips, S. B. Wilson, Fitzgerald, W. J. Armstrong, Kirkpatrick, Leach, Rice, J. Morrison, Watts, Hawes, W. A. Shaw, J. Brown, Hoyt, Mandeville, Hoss, Eagleton, Cassells, White, R. W. Bailey, T. F. Scott.—94.

NAYS—S. Hunter, Manning, Hotchkiss, C. Smith, A. M. Cowan, Platt, Remington, J. Green, Mason, Boyd, Beers, Snodgrass, Wallace, Williamson, B. McDowell, I. V. Brown, W. Wilson, Candee, Love, Davis, Harris, A. Green, Woodward, J. McDowell, Magraw, Latta, Mustard, Morris, Watson, Agnew, McKinney, Hepburn, Young, J. W. Scott, McCombs, Henry, H. Campbell, Coon, Van Horn, McKennan, J. McFaren, Marshall, S. McFerran, Craig, Vandyke, Donaldson, W. Wylie, S. H. Crane, C. Johnston, A. McFarlane, Dunn, A. Wylie, Carrahan, Sickles, Blake, Spilman, Posey, Bennett, Bayless, Breckinridge, Price, F. McFarland, Allen, D. L. Russell, D. Lindley, Preston, A. A. Campbell, Harrison, Snowden, Hagaman, Cunningham.—71.

The second resolution of the report was then taken up, and after some discussion, the Assembly adjourned till to-morrow morning, at half-past 8 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Thursday morning, May 29, 9 *o'clock.*

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The committee on leave of absence reported that they have given leave to the following members, viz: Mr. Gallaudet, Dr. A. Fitch, Mr. Bredell, Mr. Hitchcock, Mr. S. Smith Mr. A. M. Cowan, and Mr. Manning.

The Directors of the Western Theological Seminary made their annual report, which was accepted, and ordered to be printed in the appendix to the minutes.

Nominations were made to fill the vacancies in the Board of Directors of the Western Theological Seminary; and the election was made the order of the day for this afternoon.

Resolved, That agreeably to the request of the Directors an appropriation of $3,000 be made to all the purposes of the Western Theological Seminary for the ensuing year.

The Committee on Overtures reported Overtures Nos. 13, 14, and 15, which were put upon the docket.

The committee to whom were referred the votes for members of the Board of Missions, reported, when it appeared that the following persons are elected for four years, viz:

Ministers—William S. Plumer, James Hoge, D. D., Cornelius C. Cuyler, D. D., George A. Baxter, D. D., Henry A. Boardman, Andrew Wylie, D. D., John Gray, Francis McFarland, Isaac N. Candee, David Magie.

Laymen—Frederick S. Thomas, Samuel Thompson, Matthew Newkirk, James N. Dickson, George Morris, Robert Wallace.

And that the following ministers are elected for three years, viz: Samuel G. Winchester, Shepard K. Kollock, Joshua L. Wilson, D. D, and James Blythe, D. D.

The Assembly resumed the unfinished business of yesterday, viz: the report of the Committee on the Memorial on the present state of the Presbyterian Church. The second, third, fourth, fifth and sixth resolutions having been separately discussed, were severally adopted.

Adjourned till half past 3 o'clock, this afternoon. Concluded with prayer.

Thursday afternoon, half-past 3 *o'clock.*

The Assembly met and was opened with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The Assembly resumed the report of the Committee on the Memorial on the present state of the Presbyterian Church. The seventh resolution was then discussed, and being amended, was adopted.

From this decision Mr. Carver Hotchkiss entered his dissent.

The eighth resolution was then discussed at some length.

Mr. Thomas F. Scott asked leave of absence, having been refused by the committee—Mr. Scott stated his reasons, and the Assembly gave him leave.

The Assembly took up Overture No. 11, viz: A petition from the Synod of the Western Reserve to erect the Presbyteries of Detroit, Monroe, and St. Joseph, in said Synod, into a new Synod, to be called the Synod of Michigan.

Resolved, That the petition be granted; and the said Presbyteries of Detroit, Monroe and St. Joseph are hereby erected into a Synod to be known by the name of the Synod of Michigan.

Resolved, That the Synod of Michigan hold its first meeting at Ann Arbor,

on the last Thursday in September next, at 2 o'clock P. M., and that the Rev. Reuben Armstrong, or in case of his failure, the oldest minister present, open the Synod with a sermon, and preside until a moderator is chosen.

The Assembly had a recess until eight o'clock. At eight o'clock the Assembly met, and resumed the consideration of the report on the Memorial on the present state of the Presbyterian Church. The eighth resolution of the report was further discussed, and after some amendment was adopted; the ninth also was amended and adopted; and the tenth was adopted without amendment.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning at half-past 8 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Friday morning, May 30, *half-past eight o'clock.*

The Assembly met and was opened with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The committee on leave of absence reported that they have given leave to Mr. R. G. Armstrong, Mr. Latta, Mr. C. Smith, Mr. R. Armstrong, Mr. Perry, Mr. H. Johnson, Mr. Cassells, Mr. W. Wilson, Mr. Walker, Mr. Payne, Mr. Mersereau.

The Assembly proceeded to the election of Directors for the Western Theological Seminary. The ballots were taken and committed to Mr. William J. Armstrong, Mr. R. W. Bailey, and Dr. Woodbridge to count them and report the result.

The Directors of the Theological Seminary at Princeton, made their annual report, which was read and accepted, and ordered to be printed in the appendix to the minutes.

Resolved, That this Assembly entirely concur in the opinion expressed in the report of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary at Princeton, that it is highly important that theological students continue the full time of three years in the Seminary, and complete the whole course of studies prescribed in the plan.

Nominations were made to fill the vacancies in the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary at Princeton.

The Trustees of the Theological Seminary at Princeton made their annual report, which was read and accepted, and ordered to be printed in the appendix to the minutes.

Resolved, That the sum of $6,600 be appropriated for the purpose of paying professors' salaries through the year.

The committee appointed by the last General Assembly, to procure from the Churches a sufficient sum to meet the necessary expenses of the Theological Seminary at Princeton for the year now past; and further to endeavour to restore and increase the permanent fund, presented the following as their report, which was accepted and approved, viz.

The committee appointed by the last General Assembly, to procure from the churches a sufficient sum to meet the necessary expenses of the Theological Seminary at Princeton, for the year now past; and further to endeavour to restore and increase the permanent fund, present the following as their report, viz.

Soon after the rising of the Assembly they met several times, and consulted together as to the best plans of carrying into effect the object of their appointment. They at length resolved to endeavour to procure a suitable agent to engage in the work assigned them; and after much inquiry they appointed one. This gentleman took the subject into consideration, and after some time declined the appointment. Before the committee could fix upon another agent, the pecuniary embarrassment and pressure commenced; and they judged it expedient

in the circumstances of the country, not to send out an agent. They then made, through the religious papers of Philadelphia and New York, a statement of the wants of the Seminary, and an appeal to the churches and the friends of the Seminary for aid to meet the payment of Professors' salaries through the year. This appeal was several times repeated.

In consequence they have received the following sums, viz.

Collection	in the Central Church, Philadelphia,	$114 21
"	First Church, Philadelphia,	100 85
"	Sixth Church, Philadelphia,	63 00
"	Oxford Congregation, Ohio,	15 00
"	From a few individuals in First Church, New York,	225 00
Donation	from Hugh Kennedy, Hagerstown, Maryland,	40 00
"	A friend of the Seminary in First Church, New York,	25 00
"	George Morris, Baltimore,	20 00
"	Member of the Sixth Church, Philadelphia,	5 00
"	Faculty of Miami University, Ohio,	15 00
"	Presbytery of New Brunswick, from Trenton Township Congregation,	3 00
"	Mr. Aikman, Burlington,	5 00
"	Alexander Symington, Philadelphia,	20 00
"	Rev. Andrew Rawson, state of New York,	2 00
Collection	from a few individuals, Tenth Church, Philadelphia,	50 00
"	In First Church, Brooklyn, New York,	304 44
"	Brick Church, New York,	100 00
Donation	from Mrs. Mary Todd, Kentucky,	25 00
Collection	in Greenbush and Nyak, New York,	1 31
Donation	from an individual, Spring Grove, N. C.,	5 00
Collection	in Princeton, New Jersey,	25 00
		$1163 81

Making a total from congregational collections and donations of individuals of $1163 81.

In addition to the above they have received through the committee of the Alumni Association of the Seminary, consisting of Rev. John Breckinridge, Rev. Albert Barnes, Rev. Samuel G. Winchester and Rev. John L. Grant, who generously issued a circular, addressed to the Alumni, the following sums each, being the first instalment of a subscription payable in five annual instalments, viz:

Rev.	Elias W. Crane, Jamaica, L. I.	$20 00
"	Robert Dunlap, Danville, Pennsylvania, his own subscription and others in his congregation,	20 00
"	Albert Barnes, Philadelphia,	10 00
"	Joseph Alden, Philadelphia,	10 00
"	Henry A. Boardman, Philadelphia,	10 00
"	John T. Edgar, Nashville, Tenn.	10 00
"	George W. Ashbridge, Louisville, Ken.	10 00
"	William Nevins, Baltimore,	10 00
"	James C. Barnes, Lancaster, Ken.	10 00
"	James Williamson, Hoguestown, Pa.	10 00
"	Samuel Lawrence, Greenwich, N. J.	10 00
"	James V. Henry, Sing Sing, N. Y.	10 00
"	Stephen Saunders, South Salem, N. Y.	10 00
"	William James, Albany,	10 00
"	Gideon N. Judd, Bloomfield, N. J.	10 00

Rev. William Chester, Prince Edward, Va.	10 00
" Samuel G. Winchester, Philadelphia,	10 00
" John Breckinridge, Philadelphia,	10 00
" Ravaud K. Rodgers, Bound Brook, N. J.	10 00
" Isaac W. Platt, Bath, N. Y.	10 00
" George Stebbins, West Chester county, N. Y.	10 00
" Cornelius H. Mustard, Snow Hill, Md.	10 00
" Artemas Boies, South Hadley, Massachusetts, (whole subscription,)	50 00
" John Peebles, Huntingdon, Pa.	10 00
" Wm. H. Williams, Tuscaloosa, Alabama,	10 00
	$310 00

Making the sum of the receipts from the Alumni of the Institution $310 00, which added to the congregational collections, and the individual donations before stated, makes the total sum received through the year by your committee for the payment of Professors' salaries $1,473 81. Of this sum they paid to the committee of the Alumni Association for printing circulars and for postage the sum of $11 56. The rest they have at different times paid over to the Treasurer of the Trustees of the General Assembly.

The Committee regret to state that all they have received added to the avails of the permanent fund, have been insufficient fully to pay the salaries of the Professors. Most of the permanent funds of the Seminary are vested in stock of the Bank of the United States. The dividends of this Bank are made semi-annually, viz. in July and January. A quarter's salary became due the Professors the first of August. This the avails of the permanent fund nearly paid. Another quarter became due November first. There was then a deficiency of about $1,000. This was not paid until near the time when another quarter became due, February first. The avails of the permanent fund together with what the committee had collected, fell short of paying the February quarter about $400. The first of May the fourth quarter became due, when the Treasurer paid up the arrears, and $231 27 on the quarter which ought then to have been fully paid. Leaving due the Professors at that time the sum of $1,218 73.

Since the remittance of the treasurer, May 1st, the committee have received and paid to the treasurer $632 19 of the sum already reported in detail. This sum, together with what the treasurer has received from other sources, will reduce the balance due the Professors at this date to $321 90.

The committee have further to report that Mr. Job Squier, of Rahway, New Jersey, has sent them a note drawn by himself, and payable in December next, for $500, which is to be applied to the payment of Professors' salaries.

From the preceding statement the Assembly will readily see the importance and necessity of adopting prompt and efficient measures to raise funds to pay what is now due the Professors; and also to meet their salaries as they become due through the current year.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed in behalf of the committee.

JOHN MCDOWELL, *Chairman.*

Philadelphia, May 26th, 1834.

The committee appointed last year on the funds of the Seminary were continued with the same powers. This committee are Rev. Dr. John McDowell, Rev. Dr. Ashbel Green, Rev. Dr. Ezra S. Ely, Mr. Alexander Henry, and Mr. Ambrose White.

A communication from the Alumni Association of the Princeton Theological Seminary was received and read, and ordered to be printed in the appendix to the minutes.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Assembly be presented to said Association for the efficient aid they have afforded, and propose still further to render to the funds of the Seminary.

The committee to whom were referred the ballots for Directors of the Western Theological Seminary reported, when it appeared that the following persons are elected Directors for three years, viz :—

Ministers—Thomas D. Baird, Samuel Tait, Andrew O. Patterson, Thomas Hoge, Joseph W. Blythe, David H. Riddle, James Culbertson.

Elders—James Reynolds, Thomas Henry, Robert Hilands.

The Assembly resumed the unfinished business of last evening, viz : the report of the committee on the memorial on the present state of the Presbyterian Church. The question was taken on the whole report, as amended and adopted by paragraphs, and the whole was adopted, and is as follows, viz :—

The committee to which was referred the memorial complaining of sundry grievances abroad in the church beg leave to report, that they find said memorial adopted, either in whole or in part, by about nine Presbyteries and eight sessions; it is also signed by about eighteen ministers, and ninety-nine elders, asking of this Assembly to apply such remedies as may be necessary to correct the evils of which they complain.

Your committee, after the most careful investigation and mature deliberation that they could bestow on the subject, have concurred in the following resolutions, which they recommend for the adoption of this Assembly, viz :—

Resolved, 1. That this Assembly cannot sanction the censure contained in the memorial, against the proceedings and measures of former General Assemblies.

2. That it is deemed inexpedient and undesirable to abrogate or interfere with the plan of union between Presbyterians and Congregationalists in the new settlements, adopted in 1801.

3. That the previous action of the present Assembly on the subject of ordaining men is deemed sufficient.

4. That the duty of licensing and ordaining men to the office of the Gospel Ministry, and of guarding that office against the intrusion of men who are unqualified to discharge its solemn and responsible duties, or who are unsound in the faith, is committed to the Presbyteries. And should any, already in that office, be known to be fundamentally erroneous in doctrine, it is not only the privilege but the duty of Presbyteries constitutionally to arraign, condemn, and depose them.

5. That this Assembly bears solemn testimony against publishing to the world ministers in good and regular standing as heretical or dangerous, without having been constitutionally tried and condemned, thereby greatly hindering their usefulness as ministers of Jesus Christ. Our excellent constitution makes ample provision for redressing all such grievances; and this Assembly enjoins, in all cases, a faithful compliance, in meekness and brotherly love, with its requisitions; having, at all times, a sound regard to the purity, peace, and prosperity of the church.

6. That this Assembly have no authority to establish any exclusive mode of conducting missions; but, while this matter is left to the discretion of individuals and inferior judicatories, we would recommend and solicit their willing and efficient co-operation with the Assembly's Board.

7. That a due regard to the order of the church, and the bonds of brotherhood, require, in the opinion of this Assembly, that ministers dismissed in good standing by sister Presbyteries should be received by the Presbyteries which they are dismissed to join, upon the credit of their constitutional testimonials,

unless they shall have forfeited their good standing subsequently to their dismissal.

8. That, in the opinion of this Assembly, to take up, and try, and condemn any printed publications as heretical and dangerous, is equivalent to condemning the author as heretical; that to condemn heresy in the abstract, cannot be understood as the purpose of such trial; that the results of such trial are to bear upon and seriously to affect the standing of the author; and that the fair and unquestionable mode of procedure is, if the author be alive, and known to be of our communion, to institute process against him; and give him a fair and constitutional trial.

9. That, in receiving and adopting the formularies of our church, every person ought to be supposed, without evidence to the contrary, to receive and adopt them according to the obvious, known, and established meaning of the terms, as the confession of his faith; and that, if objections be made, the Presbytery, unless he withdraw such objections, should not license, or ordain, or admit him.

10. That, in the judgment of this Assembly, it is expedient that Presbyteries and Synods, in the spirit of charity and forbearance, adjust and settle, as far as practicable, all their matters of grievance and disquietude, without bringing them before the General Assembly and the world, as in many cases this tends to aggravate and continue them, and to spread them over the whole church, to the great grief of its members, and injury of the cause of religion.

Mr. I. V. Brown gave notice in behalf of himself, and those who may choose to unite with him, that they claim the privilege of entering their protest against the above resolutions.

Resolved, That this Assembly cherish an unabated attachment to the system of doctrines contained in the standards of their faith, and would guard with vigilance against any departure from it; and they enjoin the careful study of it upon all the members of the Presbyterian Church, and their firm support by all scriptural and constitutional methods.

Overture No. 10, viz: A petition from the Presbytery of Angelica, to have their Synodical relation changed from the Synod of Geneva to the Synod of Genessee, on account of their geographical location, was taken up. The Assembly were informed that the Synod of Geneva acquiesced in this petition.

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition be granted; and the Presbytery of Angelica is hereby detached from the Synod of Geneva, and annexed to the Synod of Genessee.

On motion, *Resolved*, That this General Assembly view with regret and disapprobation, the practice so generally pursued for some time past, of publishing to the world, and distributing through all our churches, the contentions and disorders, which are properly local in their origin and operation; and thus kindling the fires of discord in all our borders, crippling the energies of the Church at this interesting period of the world; and exposing her to the scorn and reproach of her enemies.

Resolved, That except in very extraordinary cases, this Assembly are of the opinion that Presbyteries ought to be formed with geographical limits.

Nominations were made for persons to fill the vacancies in the Board of Education. The ballots were taken, when it appeared that the following persons are elected for four years, viz:

Ministers—Samuel Miller, D. D., Thomas McAuley, D. D., Francis Herron, D. D., Robert G. Wilson, D. D., Cornelius C. Cuyler, D. D., Henry A. Boardman, Cyrus Mason, William Nevins, William B. Sprague, D. D.

Laymen—William Maxwell, Robert Ralston, Thomas Bradford, Jun., John Montgomery, Zachariah Lewis, L. N. Bebee, James Schott, Thomas Elmes, J. Patterson.

Judicial business No. 14, was made the order of the day for this afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Judicial business No. 6, viz: Appeals of the session of the church of Bloomington, and of the Rev. Dr. Andrew Wylie, from a decision of the Synod of Indiana on the cases repecting Mr. John H. Harney, was taken up.

The moderator read the rule reminding the Assembly that they were about to pass to judicial business.

The sentence appealed from, and the reasons of the appeals were read.

Adjourned till this afternoon at half past 3 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Friday afternoon, half-past three o'clock.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The order of the day was postponed, and the unfinished business of the morning, viz: the appeals of the session of Bloomington church, and the Rev. Dr. Wylie, was taken up. The whole record of the proceedings of the inferior judicatories, including all the testimony, and the reasons of their decision, was read. Dr. Wylie was then heard for some time in support of the appeals.

The Assembly had a recess until 8 o'clock.

After the recess, the Assembly met.

Resolved, That the Assembly will this year make no change, either in the Board of Trustees of the General Assembly, or in the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary at Princeton.

The committees appointed to examine the records of the Synods of Cincinnati, Western Reserve, and Indiana, reported respectively, and the records were severally approved.

The committee appointed to examine the Records of the Synods of Geneva, Missouri, and West Tennessee, reported respectively, that the records had not been put into their hands. These committees were severally discharged.

The stated clerk reported that he has distributed 150 copies of the Constitution of the church, to the poorer churches and the more distant Presbyteries.

The appeals of the session of Bloomington church, and of Dr. Wylie, were resumed. Dr. Wylie was further heard in support of the appeals.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning, at half-past 8 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Saturday morning, May 31, *half-past eight o'clock.*

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The committee on leave of absence reported that they have given leave to the following members, viz: Mr. Mills, Mr. May, Mr. Breckinridge, Mr. Cowles, Mr. Fisk, Dr. Woodbridge, Mr. Waterbury, Mr. Shafer, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Davis, Mr. Coe, Mr. Price, Mr. Hotchkiss and Mr. Wallace.

The committees appointed to examine the records of the Synods of Utica, Ohio, Albany, Kentucky, Virginia, and New Jersey, reported respectively, and the records severally were approved.

The committees appointed to examine the records of the Synods of Genessee, Tennessee, and Philadelphia, reported respectively, and their reports were accepted and laid on the table.

The Assembly proceeded to the election of Directors of the Theological Seminary at Princeton. The ballots were taken and committed to Mr. Dod, Mr. Ostrom, and Mr. S. C. Aiken, to count them, and report the result.

The Assembly resumed the unfinished business of last evening; viz. the appeals of the session of Bloomington church, and of Dr. Wylie. Mr. Harney was heard against the appeals, and Dr. Wylie in reply.

The members of Synod were then heard in support of their decision, or of their dissent.

The parties were then considered as withdrawn, and the roll was then called to give each member an opportunity to express his opinion. The Assembly proceeded at some length in this business.

The committee to whom were referred the ballots for Directors of the Theological Seminary at Princeton, reported, when it appeared that the following persons were elected Directors for three years, viz.

Ministers—Thomas M'Auley, D. D., Gardiner Spring, D. D,, Cyrus Mason, William A. M'Dowell, D. D., William D. Snodgrass, D. D., William Neill, D. D., William Latta.

Elders—Zachariah Lewis, John T. Woodhull, Hugh Auchincloss.

And that Frederick S. Thomas, ruling elder, is elected for one year in the room of Robert G. Johnson, resigned.

Adjourned till this afternoon at half-past 3 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Saturday afternoon, half-past 3 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The Assembly resumed the unfinished business of the morning; viz., the appeals of the session of the church of Bloomington, and of Dr. Wylie. Calling the roll was finished. After which the final vote was taken, when it was

Resolved, That the Assembly sustain the appeals of the session of the church of Bloomington, and of Dr. Wylie, against a decision of the Synod of Indiana; and the judgment of the Presbytery and Session is hereby confirmed, on the ground that Mr. Harney circulated evil reports against Dr. Wylie, without showing that he did it in the due performance of some indispensable duty; but it is the judgment of this Assembly, that Mr. Harney shall still have the privilege, if he desire it, of commencing a prosecution against Dr. Wylie, before the Presbytery of Vincennes; and in such case, said Presbytery are hereby authorized and directed to hear the whole cause, and issue the same in a constitutional way.

Judicial business No. 14, viz. A memorial and complaint of the session of the Fifth church, Philadelphia, against the Second Presbytery of Philadelphia, as organized by the Assembly, was taken up. The memorial and complaint were read, and the complainants were heard in part.

Adjourned till Monday morning at half-past 8 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Monday morning, June 2d, half-past 8 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The committee on leave of absence reported that they have given leave to the following members, viz., Dr. Lansing, Mr. S. B. Wilson, Mr. E. Phelps, Mr. Wilcox, Mr. Condit, Mr. Boyd, Mr. Allen, Mr. H. Campbell, and Mr. Keeler.

The committee appointed to draught a letter in reply to the letter from the United Secession Church of Scotland, reported the draught of a letter, which was read and adopted, and ordered to be signed by the Moderator and Permanent Clerk, and transmitted by the Stated Clerk to the body to which it is addressed.

Overture No. 7, viz. An application from the session of the church of Union Grove in Illinois, to answer the two following questions, viz.

1. Is it the duty of Church Sessions to admit persons to membership and

communion who object against and refuse to present their children to God in the ordinance of baptism?

2. What is the duty of the session in case of parents, (members of the church in full communion,) who refuse, from conscientious scruples, to present their children for baptism? was taken up, and committed to Mr. W. J. Armstrong, Mr. I. V. Brown, and Mr. Ostrom.

Overture No. 8, viz. An application to have the Synod of the Chesapeake dissolved, was taken up, and committed to Dr. Tucker, Mr. Squier, and Mr. Hinckley.

Applications from the Presbyteries of Lewes, Wilmington, and Philadelphia 2d, as constituted by the Assembly to be constituted into a new Synod, were referred to the same committee.

Overture No. 9, viz. A memorial from the Presbytery of East Hanover, on inefficiency in the ministry, was taken up, and read, and committed to Mr. W. J. Armstrong, Mr. A. M'Farlane, and Mr. Skinner.

Overture No. 12, viz. An application from the Presbytery of Abingdon to be detached from the Synod of Tennessee, and annexed to the Synod of Virginia, was taken up, and committed to Mr. Jennings, Mr. S. H. Crane, and Mr. Eagleton.

Overture No. 13, viz. An application from the Presbytery of Albany for leave to receive the Rev. James Harper, a foreign minister, was taken up, and committed to Mr. Sawyer, Mr. Young, and Mr. Fairchild.

Overture No. 14, viz. Is it in the spirit of the Constitution of the Presbyterian church that ministers without charge be members of Presbyteries, Synods, and the General Assembly? See Form of Government, chap. 10, 1—6; and chap. 22, Form of Commission—was taken up, and indefinitely postponed.

Overture No. 15, viz. A request from the Presbytery of Albany, with the concurrence of the Synod of Albany, that the bounds of the Synod of Albany may be so altered that the congregation of Stratford may be included in the Synod of Utica, was taken up; and the request was granted.

A change in the mode of electing Professors in the Union Theological Seminary, adopted by the Synods of Virginia and North Carolina, was submitted to the Assembly for ratification, when it was agreed by the Assembly to approve the plan of election now submitted by the said Synods.

The amendment is as follows: viz.

The fourth of the articles of union between the Synods of Virginia and North Carolina is by their Synods respectively hereby repealed; and as a substitute therefor, the said Synods respectively have adopted the following article, viz.

Each Synod shall, once in every four years, elect six ministers and six ruling elders, who, together with the twenty-four directors already provided for, shall constitute a Board of Electors for Professors in said Seminary, consisting of forty-eight members, of whom not less than *twenty-five* shall be a quorum competent to proceed to an election; the Board of Electors shall convene for the purpose of choosing a Professor or Professors, whenever they may be duly notified by the Board of Directors; and in case any person voted for shall receive the votes of two-thirds of the members of the Board of Electors, present at such meeting, he shall be declared to be duly elected; but if no person shall have two-thirds of the votes of the said Board, then the names of the two persons, who have received the highest number of votes, shall be reported to the next General Assembly, that out of these the Assembly may proceed to the appointment of a Professor; and if any vacancies shall occur in the Board of Electors, such vacancies may be filled up by the Synods, at their next stated meetings, after the occurrence of such vacancies.

Communications from the London Missionary Society, and from the British and Foreign Temperance Society, were made to the Assembly by the Rev. Dr. Edwards, Corresponding Secretary of the American Temperance Society, with regard to the destructive effects produced in the South Sea Islands, by the traffic in ardent spirit, carried on by our countrymen and others. Therefore, *Resolved*,

1. That we deeply sympathize with our brethren in the South Sea Islands, and in Great Britain, in view of the distresses which through the agency of some of our countrymen have been brought upon them, and deplore the calamities which that agency has instituted, by obstructing in those islands the progress of the Gospel, demoralizing the character, and destroying the lives and souls of men.

2. That the practice of sending out ardent spirit, to be used as a drink by the unevangelized, and partially civilized nations and tribes of men, is in our view a violation of the principles and precepts of the Christian religion, and ought to be abandoned throughout the world.

3. That the traffic in ardent spirit, to be used as a drink by any people, is in our judgment morally wrong, and ought to be viewed as such, by the churches of Jesus Christ universally.

The Assembly resumed the memorial and complaint of the session of the Fifth church of Philadelphia. The complainants continued their plea in support of their complaint.

Adjourned till this afternoon at half-past 3 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Monday afternoon, half-past 3 o'clock, P. M.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The committee appointed to examine the records of the Synod of North Carolina, reported, when the records were approved with the exception, that on page 48th it is recorded that Synod held a session on Sabbath evening. This was the closing meeting, and though it does not seem to have been one of much business, still, in the opinion of the Assembly, it was not proper.

The committee appointed to examine the records of the Synod of New York reported, and the minutes were approved.

The committee on the Records of the Synods of Illinois and Mississippi, and South Alabama, reported respectively, that the records had not been put into their hands. The committees were discharged.

The Assembly resumed the unfinished business of the morning, viz: the memorial and complaint of the session of the Fifth church, Philadelphia. The complainants were further heard, and the Second Presbytery of Philadelphia were heard in their defence in part.

The Assembly had a recess until 8 o'clock this evening.

After the recess the Assembly met.

The committee on Overture No. 13, viz: An application from the Presbytery of Albany for leave to receive the Rev. James Harper, a foreign minister, reported, that they have examined the documents submitted to them, and recommend that the Presbytery have leave to receive him agreeably to their request, when he shall have completed the required probation on which he now stands. This report was adopted.

The Second Presbytery of Philadelphia resumed and finished their defence; and the complainants were heard in reply.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning at half-past 8 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Tuesday morning, half-past 8 o'clock, June 3d.

The Assembly met and was opened with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The committee on leave of absence reported that they have given leave to the following members, viz: Mr. Clancy, Mr. Dod, Mr. Blake, Mr. Kellogg, Mr. Williamson, Mr. B. McDowell, and Mr. A. McFarlane.

The Moderator, Dr. Lindsley, had leave of absence from the remaining sessions of the Assembly; and Dr. John McDowell was appointed Moderator, pro tempore.

The following Protest was presented and read, viz.

The subscribers dissenting from the judgment of this Assembly in the case of the complaint and appeal of the Second Presbytery of Philadelphia, hereby embrace their constitutional right to *protest*, and to assign their reasons on the minutes of the House.

1. We believe the power exercised by the General Assembly of 1832, and now re-exercised by this Assembly, to form a Presbytery within the bounds of the Synod and against her decision, is without foundation in our Form of Church Government.

In the constitutional distribution of powers and checks, and designation of rights and duties, among the several judicatories of the church, the power "to erect new Presbyteries and unite or divide those which were before erected," Form of Government, Chap. 11th, Sec. 4, is distinctly and exclusively secured to Synods. And the practice of the General Assembly, from the establishment of this body, till the present, has been, we believe, in accordance with these views. The principle assumed by the majority in this body, and recognized by the Assembly in the above decision, and on which the appellants rest their plea, that the duty "of superintending the concerns of the whole church," Form of Government, Chap. 12, Sec. 5, invests the General Assembly with *all powers* necessary to accomplish that object, *at her own discretion*, tends to abolish the constitutional rights of Synods, Presbyteries, and Church Sessions—to confound and contravene those original and essential principles of ecclesiastical government and order, which constitute and characterize the Presbyterian Church.

2. While we disapprove the act performed by the Assembly as being unconstitutional, we solemnly *protest* against the practice, whether by the Assembly or Synods, of forming Presbyteries on the principle of *elective affinity*, distinctly avowed, and recognized, as the basis of this *act*, being fully persuaded that the tendency of this principle will be, to impair the standards of our Church—to open a door to error—and to violate the purity, good order, and peace of the Church.

Loyal Young,
J. P. Vandyke,
Alexander McFarlane,
Jacob Coon,
Wm. Wylie,
A. D. Hepburn,
S. McFarren,
B. F. Spilman,
W. A. G. Posey,
Isaac V. Brown,
Samuel Boyd,
W. L. Breckinridge,
Francis McFarland,
William Sickles,
E. H. Snowden,
H. Campbell,
A. Bayless,
J. W. Scott,

I approve and assent to the Protest as set forth in the first part:
J. Clark,

James Scott,
Daniel L. Russell,
Simeon H. Crane,
William Wallace,
Cyrenius Beers,
Robert Love,
William M'Combs,
D. R. Preston,
I. N. Candee,
Benjamin McDowell,
Alex. A. Campbell,
George Marshall,
Oscar Harris,
James McFarren,
William Craig,
James Remington,
George Morris,
James Carnahan,
James Blake,
Williamson Dunn.

Mr. Samuel C. Aiken, Mr. Brainerd, and Dr. M. Smith, were appointed a committee to answer the above protest.

The following protest was also presented and read, viz:

The undersigned protest against the proceedings of the General Assembly relative to the "memorial complaining of sundry grievances abroad in the church,"

1. On account of the manner in which said memorial was treated, in bringing it before the Assembly. It was committed to a committee who brought in a report in nearly all respects adverse to the memorial, before it was read in the house; so that when it was read, it was heard under the influence of all the prejudice created against it by the adverse report and pre-judgment of the committee. It is believed that this method of procedure is without precedent or parallel in the proceedings of any of the ecclesiastical judicatories of our church, or of any well ordered deliberative body, of whatever kind.

2. On account of the adoption by the Assembly of the first resolution submitted by the committee aforesaid, viz: "*Resolved*, That this Assembly cannot sanction the censure contained in the memorial against the proceedings and measures of former General Assemblies." If the proceedings and measures of the General Assemblies of our Church are not to be regarded as infallible and immutable, then their equity and expediency are fairly open to the investigation and remarks of the members of the church; nor is it perceived how the redress of grievances, arising from the acts of the General Assembly, can be obtained by an aggrieved party, if such a party may not state freely and fearlessly the ground of complaint, although this should imply, as indeed it must, in most cases, necessarily imply, a censure of the proceedings which are the subjects of complaint. We fully recognize the obligation of memorialists and petitioners to address the General Assembly in respectful language; and such language we do conscientiously think was used, in an exemplary manner, by the memorialists, and that they could not have laid open their grievances fairly and fully with a greater reserve than that which they maintained; and therefore, that this decision of the Assembly goes to abridge the liberty which every member of our church, and every freeman and Christian in our country, ought to enjoy and maintain.

3. We protest against the second resolution, as going to render permanent "the plan of union between Presbyterians and Congregationalists in the new settlements," which we consider as plainly and palpably unconstitutional. We do not wish for an abrupt violation of this plan on the part of the Presbyterian Church; but for the commencement of measures which shall result in a return to the ground of the Constitution; and this without injury to, perhaps with the consent and approbation of, both the parties concerned. But regarding the second resolution as calculated, and probably intended, to perpetuate an unconstitutional transaction, we decidedly protest against it.

4. We protest against the fifth resolution, because we view it as interfering with the liberty of speech, the liberty of the press, and with Christian duty. For any *abuse* of this liberty we are not advocates. But to prohibit in all cases the censuring of authors in connection with their heretical publications is, in our best judgments, to throw a shield over both. For, if the public are not pointed to a particular book or pamphlet, it will often not be known what publication is intended, and its very existence may be denied; and if the publication be distinctly referred to, and it bears the name of the author on the title page, (which was the case in all the instances referred to in the memorial,) then those who simply make this reference fall under the heavy denunciation of this resolution. We profess to admire the provisions of the Constitution which this resolution eulogizes, as much as they do who framed and sanctioned it, and we protest against the resolution itself, because its tendency is to render difficult, and

in some cases absolutely impracticable, the duty which the Constitution enjoins; and thus may prove, as we have said, a shield, both to the heretic and to his work.

5. We do earnestly and solemnly protest against the seventh resolution, in which it is asserted, "that ministers dismissed in good standing by sister Presbyteries should be received by the Presbyteries which they are dismissed to join, upon the credit of their constitutional testimonials; unless they shall have forfeited their good standing subsequently to their dismissal." This resolution is in conflict with the right of a Presbytery to judge of the qualifications of its own members, which we verily believe has never before been authoritatively attacked and impaired, from the time of the meeting of the Assembly of Divines at Westminster, in which it was recognized, till the meeting of the present General Assembly. It is indeed in conflict with the acknowledged right inherent in the members of every society, civil as well as ecclesiastical, to judge of the qualifications of those with whom they shall be associated. But it not only contravenes a right—it also exposes the entire church to the most serious evils. It puts it in the power of a few corrupt Presbyteries to corrupt the whole church, by throwing their members into sound Presbyteries, one after another, till they become dominant in all. We view it as a virtual relinquishment and denial of one of the essential principles of all Presbyterial order and government; and as such we most solemnly protest against it. We do, and must maintain, that every Presbytery has an inherent and indefeasible right to determine whether it will receive into its bosom any and every member who applies for such reception. Circumstances may render it unnecessary to call this right into exercise, in certain instances; but the right always exists, and circumstances may require its exercise, at least for a time, in every instance in which application is made for admission to a Presbytery. The denial of this right, we repeat and insist, is the denial of a fundamental principle of Presbyterianism.

6. We protest against the eighth resolution, because, in our judgment, it not only establishes a principle erroneous in itself, but does, in fact, the very thing which it imputes to the memorialists—it casts censure on a former General Assembly for examining and condemning a heretical book, before the author was tried and condemned by his Presbytery. We here refer to the case of W. C. Davis. It is our firm belief, that it is often an imperious duty incumbent on the judicatures of the church to examine erroneous opinions *in thesi;* and having carefully compared them with the Standards of the Church and the Word of God, to condemn them in the abstract; and then, if it be thought expedient and be found practicable, (which it may not always be,) to subject those who have promulgated these opinions to the proper discipline. To invert this order is, in our firm conviction, to render discipline, in many cases, difficult, and in some impracticable, and thus to prove a protection to those who are unsound in the faith.

We might specify some additional points in the resolutions against which we protest; but those to which we have adverted we regard as the most objectionable. Still, we feel ourselves constrained to add, that the doings of the General Assembly, in regard to the memorial adopted by eleven Presbyteries or parts of Presbyteries, as well as by several sessions, and numerous individuals—a support greater than any other memorial has received that has ever been presented to a General Assembly in this country—is calculated deeply to grieve and wound the feelings of a large part, and we must think not an unsound or undeserving part, of the Presbyterian Church. Their pious, and as we think, their just and reasonable expectations of some redress from the General Assembly, will be utterly and hopelessly disappointed.

We do, therefore, by offering this protest, most solemnly and earnestly beseech the Assembly to pause—to consider the probable consequences of their

action on this memorial, and yet to retrace their steps; lest the adherents to the standards of our church in their plain and obvious meaning, should find themselves constrained, however reluctantly, to resort to first principles, and to make their final appeal to the great Head of the Church.

Ashbel Green,
Robert Love,
Carver Hotchkiss
George Morris,
A. Bayles,
W. L. Breckinridge,
Samuel Boyd,
E. H. Snowden,
Charles Davis,
David McKinney,
Simeon H. Crane,
C. Beers,
Charles Woodward,
Isaac V. Brown,
I. N. Candee,
Benjamin F. Spilman,
Jacob Coon,
James W. M'Kenan,
James Magraw,
D. R. Preston,
George Marshall,
E. H. Snowden,
James Agnew,
W. A. G. Posey,
James Scott,
Alexander McFarlane,
Edward Vanhorn,
S. M'Farren,
James M'Farren,
William Craig,
William M'Combs,
James Blake,
James Remington,
William Sickels,
Jacob Green,
Loyal Young,
Wm. Wylie,
James C. Watson.

Mr. White, Mr. B. King, Mr. Graves, and Mr. Leach, were appointed a committee to answer the above protest.

The committee appointed on overture No. 7, from the session of Union Grove church, Illinois, made the following report, which was adopted, viz:

That two questions are submitted in this Overture to the judgment of the Assembly, viz.—1st. Is it the duty of Church Sessions to admit to membership persons who refuse to present their children to God in the ordinance of baptism?

2d. What is the duty of the session, in case of parents, members of the church, who refuse from conscientious scruples, to present their children for baptism?

For a reply to these questions, the session are referred to the Digest, part 4, chap. 2, sec. 7, p. 98, where the decision of the Assembly on the principle involved in both, is recorded as follows:

"A letter also came, through the committee of Overtures, from Bethuel Church, Esq., inquiring whether he may be admitted to occasional communion, whilst he has scruples concerning infant baptism.

"The letter from Bethuel Church, Esq., as overtured, was read, and the motion formerly made, thus amended, 'That the session of the church of Cambridge be permitted to receive Mr. Church upon satisfactory evidence of his good character, his scruples, notwithstanding,' was taken up and agreed to."

But while it is clear, that persons otherwise of good Christian character, are not to be excluded from the communion of the church, because they have scruples concerning infant baptism, there is in every case, where such persons apply for admission, a question as to the expediency of receiving them, upon which the session of the church must decide.

The committee to whom was referred Overture No. 9, viz. A memorial from East Hanover Presbytery on inefficiency in the ministry, made the following report, which was adopted, viz.

Resolved, 1. That the evils set forth in the memorial, call for prompt and efficient action, with a view to their removal or abatement.

2. That the constitutional remedy of these evils is in the hands of the Presbyteries, to whom it belongs, to ordain, instal, remove, and *judge* ministers; (See Form of Government, chap. 10, sec. 8) and whose duty it is to inspect the fidelity of those whom they have solemnly set apart to the work of the ministry by the imposition of hands.

3. That it be enjoined on all the Presbyteries to take such measures as they may deem expedient for forming the pastoral relation, in a regular manner, in all cases where churches are now served by stated supplies, unless there be special reasons to the contrary, of which reasons the Presbytery is required to judge, and to make their judgment matter of record on their minutes.

4. That when ministers have withdrawn, or may hereafter withdraw, wholly or in part, from the work of the ministry, it be enjoined upon the Presbyteries to which they belong, to require of such ministers their reasons for so doing, which reasons are to be put upon record by the Presbytery, with an expression of their approbation or disapprobation of the same.

5. That the memorial be published in the Appendix to the Minutes of the Assembly.

The Assembly resumed the unfinished business of last evening, viz. the memorial and complaint of the session of the Fifth church, Philadelphia. The complainants continued and finished their remarks in support of their complaint. The parties were then considered as withdrawn. The roll was then called to give every member an opportunity of expressing his opinion.

Having proceeded some length in this business, the Assembly adjourned till this afternoon at half-past 3 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Tuesday afternoon, half-past 3 o'clock.

The Assembly met and was opened with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk send to the Presbytery of New Brunswick in British North America, annually, a copy of the Minutes of the Assembly.

The committee appointed to prepare a letter to the Presbytery of New Brunswick, in British North America, reported the draught of a letter, which was read and approved, and ordered to be signed by the stated Clerk, and transmitted to the said Presbytery of New Brunswick.

The committee on the records of the Synod of South Carolina and Georgia, reported that the records had not been put into their hands. The committee was discharged.

The committee appointed to answer the protest against the proceedings of the General Assembly on the "memorial complaining of sundry grievances abroad in the church," made the following report, which was adopted, viz:

That after a due consideration of the whole subject, and believing the protest to be founded on assumptions which were fully refuted and proved untenable in the course of a long and thorough discussion of the several resolutions adopted, they deem it inexpedient for the Assembly to assign any further reasons for the course pursued in relation to the above memorial."

The committee to whom was referred Overture No. 8, viz: An application to have the Synod of the Chesapeake dissolved; and also applications from the Presbyteries of Lewes, Wilmington, and Philadelphia 2d, as constituted by the Assembly, to be constituted into a new Synod, made a report, which was accepted and laid on the table.

The Assembly resumed and finished calling the roll on the complaint of the session of the Fifth church.

The whole subject was then committed to Dr. Tucker, Mr. W. J. Armstrong, Mr. Mason, Mr. White, Mr. Halstead, and Mr. Kemper.

The report on Overture No. 8, and the petitions for the erection of a new Synod, was taken up, and adopted, and is as follows, viz:

Resolved, 1. That the Synod of the Chesapeake be, and the same is hereby dissolved.

2. That the Presbytery of East Hanover be, and the same is hereby restored to the Synod of Virginia.

3. That the Presbyteries of Baltimore and of the District of Columbia be, and the same are hereby restored to the Synod of Philadelphia.

4. That the Second Presbytery of Philadelphia, and the Presbyteries of Wilmington and Lewes be, and the same hereby are erected into a new Synod, to be called the Synod of Delaware; that they hold their first meeting in the Second church, Wilmington, the 4th Thursday in October next, at 11 o'clock, A. M., and that the opening sermon be preached by the Rev. James Patterson, or in case of his absence, by the oldest minister present.

The Assembly had a recess until half past 8 o'clock this evening.

After the recess, the Assembly met.

The committee appointed to publish the book of Psalms and Hymns for the benefit of the Assembly, being absent from this city, and not having reported this year, *Resolved*, That any nett proceeds from this publication which may be in the hands of Solomon Allen, Esq., he be, and he hereby is desired to pay to Mr. Isaac Snowden, Treasurer of the Trustees of the Assembly, to be applied to the contingent fund.

Dr. McDowell, Dr. Ely, and Mr. Matthew L. Bevan, were appointed a committee to provide means to meet the contingent expenses of the Assembly, and to pay the debt of the contingent fund; and they are hereby authorized to carry any plans they may devise, into effect, except that they are not authorized to borrow.

Mr. J. W. Scott, Mr. McCombs, and Mr. Robinson had leave of absence.

The committee appointed to answer the protest of the minority against the decision of this Assembly, in the case of the appeal and complaint of the Second Presbytery of Philadelphia, made the following report, which was read and adopted, viz:

In answer to the first specification of the protest, the Assembly reply,

1. That the Form of Government vests in the General Assembly the power of "deciding in all controversies respecting doctrine and discipline," and to "*issue*" all appeals and references brought before them from the inferior judicatories." See Form of Government, Chap. xii. Sec. 5. Now, as the question, as to the erection and existence of the Second Presbytery of Philadelphia, came regularly before the Assemblies of 1832 and 1834, by appeal and complaint from the lower judicatories, the said Assemblies not only had a *right* to "decide" finally, but were imperiously called upon to "*issue*" the case.

2. The Minutes of the General Assembly for 1794, 1802, 1805, and 1826, show that the Assembly has, in extraordinary cases, claimed and exercised the right of organizing new Presbyteries, and such Presbyteries have always been regarded as regularly and constitutionally organized.

3. The Form of Government vests the right of deciding questions of constitutional law, not in the Synods, but in the General Assembly; consequently, if it be proved, which is not the fact, that the General Assembly had exceeded their powers in organizing the Second Presbytery of Philadelphia, it would by no means follow that the Synod of Philadelphia had authority to re-judge and disannul the solemn acts of the highest judicatory of the Church. In this view of the subject, the General Assembly were bound to sustain the appeal and complaint of the Second Presbytery from respect to the grave decision of former Assemblies, as well as from regard to the rights of the complainants.

4. In regard to the existence of two or more Presbyteries on the same ground, the Assembly have already expressed their opinion. For sixteen years, in the

city of New York, Presbyteries have existed on this principle without those evil results anticipated by the protestants; yet here the Assembly would repeat what they have elsewhere said with more solemnity, that "except in extraordinary cases, Presbyteries should be formed with geographical limits."

The committee appointed to draw up a narrative of the state of religion, made a report, which was read, and after some remarks, was recommitted to the same committee, with the addition of the stated clerk, to prepare it for publication.

Resolved, That it be published in the Appendix to the minutes.

Judicial business No. 4, viz: A protest and complaint of a minority of the Synod of Philadelphia, against a decision of the said Synod, was taken up, and indefinitely postponed.

Judicial business No. 2, viz: The appeal of Benedict Hobbs, from a decision of the Synod of Kentucky was taken up, and the appellant not being present to prosecute his appeal, it was dismissed, and the sentence of the inferior court affirmed.

Judicial business No. 5, viz: the appeal of Chloe G. Giles, from a decision of the Synod of Utica, was taken up, and the appellant not being present to prosecute her appeal, it was dismissed, and the sentence of the inferior court affirmed.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning at half past 8 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Wednesday morning, June 4th, half-past 8 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The committee on leave of absence reported that they have given leave to the following members, viz: Mr. J. Brown, Mr. Mason, Mr. W. Wylie, Mr. Harris, Mr. Marshall, Mr. James M'Farren, Mr. J. Morrison, Mr. S. M'Farren, and Mr. Craig.

The Permanent Clerk was directed to settle the incidental expenses of this Assembly during its session, by an order on the trustees of the General Assembly for the payment of the same.

Resolved, That any person may be at liberty to publish the standards of our church, or any part of them, as the same are now authorized by the General Assembly, under the supervision of the Assembly's Committee in any Synod, without any deduction for the benefit of the Assembly.

Dr. Ely, Mr. J. Green, and Mr. Russell, were appointed a committee to revise the list of committees to superintend the publication of the Constitution in the several Synods, and report to the Assembly.

The committee appointed to express the judgment of this Assembly on the memorial and complaint of the session of the Fifth church of Philadelphia, recommended the adoption of the following resolutions, which were accordingly adopted, viz.

1. Inasmuch as the act of the Synod of Philadelphia, uniting the Second Presbytery of Philadelphia to the Presbytery of Philadelphia, was in contravention of the act of the General Assembly passed in 1832, by which that Presbytery was erected, and inasmuch as the act of the Synod aforesaid, by an appeal was to be reviewed and acted on, by the next General Assembly, therefore, *Resolved*, That the complainants of the Fifth church erred in changing their presbyterial relation, and uniting with the Second Presbytery of Philadelphia Synodical.

2. While Presbyteries have the right, according to the Constitution, to visit the churches under their care, to take measures to correct any evils that may exist in them, nevertheless, as in this case, the session presented no request, and there was no apprehension that the pulpit would not be supplied, the As-

sembly think the Second Presbytery erred in insisting upon the right to supply by a committee the pulpit of the Fifth church under its then existing state.

3. As the majority of session felt themselves constrained to leave their place of worship, and were accompanied by a large number of the communicants, and as they had a show of reason for applying to the Second Presbytery Synodical, by the act of the Synod of Philadelphia forming that Presbytery, the decision of the Second Presbytery in declaring the four elders no longer elders of the Fifth church under their care, if designed to affect either their character or their standing, is hereby declared to be void.

4. In the opinion of this Assembly, the entire Fifth church is under the care of the Second Presbytery of Philadelphia, and it is hereby declared to be an integral part of it.

5. The Assembly earnestly recommend to the whole session, including the majority and the minority, in view of the state of the Fifth church, to take the constitutional steps, and cease from acting as ruling elders in that congregation, and that the entire church take immediate measures to elect a new bench of Elders, with a view to promote the peace of the church, and secure the permanent settlement of the Gospel ministry among them. And further, that it be recommended to the persons so elected, not to accept the office unless they shall obtain the suffrages of at least two-thirds of the electors participating in the election.

The committee on Overture No. 12, viz: An application from the Presbytery of Abingdon to be detached from the Synod of Tennessee and attached to the Synod of Virginia, made a report, when it was resolved that the Assembly see no sufficient reason to change their existing Synodical relation.

Judicial business No. 12, viz: A complaint of Daniel Hayden and others, against a decision of the Synod of Cincinnati, in the case of the Rev. George Beecher, was taken up.

The Moderator reminded the Assembly that they were about to pass to Judicial business.

The sentence complained of, the reasons assigned for the complaint, and the whole record of the proceedings of the Synod in the case, were read.

The complainants and the Synod were then heard.

Adjourned till this afternoon at half-past 3 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Wednesday afternoon, half-past 3 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

Resolved, That if the Permanent and Stated Clerks be not commissioners to the next General Assembly, they shall, in addition to their stated salary, receive milage the same as the commissioners.

The Assembly resumed the unfinished business of the morning. The complainants were heard in reply. The parties were then considered as withdrawn from the Assembly; when, after some discussion, the following decision was made, viz.

Resolved, That the complaint of the minority against the majority of the Synod of Cincinnati be, and the same is hereby sustained on the ground that the Synod was, and is competent to receive and examine witnesses called before them to support or to rebut the charges preferred by the minority of the Presbytery of Cincinnati against the majority of said Presbytery.

The reports of the committees on the Records of the Synods of Tennessee, Philadelphia, and Genessee, which were laid on the table, were taken up, and the records were respectively approved.

Judicial business No. 10, was taken up, and dismissed on the ground that the case is involved in judicial business No. 12, and issued by the decision on that case.

Judicial business No. 11, viz: The complaint of Rev. Dr. Henry Davis, against a decision of the Synod of Utica, was taken up, and dismissed on the ground that the complainant has not appeared to prosecute his complaint, nor any other person in his behalf.

Judicial business No. 13, viz: The complaint of Mr. John Cochran, against the Synod of Philadelphia, was taken up, it having been ascertained that due notice had been given to the Moderator of the Synod. His complaint was read. At the request of Mr. Cochran, Dr. Ely was appointed his counsel. The parties in the case were heard, and were then considered as withdrawn, when it was resolved that the complaint be and hereby is dismissed.

The report on Overture No. 2, which was laid on the table, was taken up, and indefinitely postponed.

The committee appointed to revise the list of committees to superintend the publication of the Constitution in the several Synods, reported the following committees, which report was adopted, viz.

In the Synod of

Albany—Rev. Eliphalet Nott, D. D., William B. Sprague, D. D., Mark Tucker, D. D.

Utica—Samuel C. Aiken, Daniel A. Clark, Robert W. Condit.

Geneva—Henry Mills, D. D., Daniel Waterberry, Henry Dwight.

Genessee—Sylvester Eaton, William Wisner, Luke Lyons.

New York—William W. Phillips, D. D., Thomas McAuley, D. D., Robert McCartee.

New Jersey—Samuel Miller, D. D., James Carnahan, D. D., John M'Lean.

Philadelphia—John M'Dowell, D. D., Cornelius C. Cuyler, D. D., Samuel G. Winchester.

Delaware—Ezra S. Ely, D. D., Albert Barnes, Henry A. Boardman.

Pittsburgh—Francis Herron, D. D., Allan D. Campbell, Matthew Brown, D. D.

Western Reserve—Giles H. Cowles, D. D., Jonathan Leslie, John Montieth.

Ohio—James Hoge, D. D., James Culbertson, William Wylie.

Michigan—Noah M. Wells, Ira M. Weed, Luther Shaw.

Cincinnati—Joshua L. Wilson, D. D., Lyman Beecher, D. D., Benjamin Graves.

Indiana—John Todd, James R. Wheelock, William Sickels.

Illinois—John M. Ellis, Thomas Lippincott, Edward Beecher.

Missouri—William S. Potts, Hiram Chamberlain, David Nelson.

Kentucky—John C. Young, Thomas Cleland, D. D., Nathan H. Hall.

Virginia—William J. Armstrong, Stephen Taylor, William Hill, D. D.

North Carolina—Samuel L. Graham, D. D., Joseph Caldwell, D. D., Colin McIver.

Tennessee—Isaac Anderson, D. D., Frederick A. Ross, Darius Hoyt.

West Tennessee—Philip Lindsley, D. D., John T. Edgar, Duncan Brown, D. D.

South Carolina and Georgia—Elipha White, Benjamin M. Palmer, D. D., Moses Waddell, D. D.

Mississippi and South Alabama—George Potts, James Hilhouse, Zebulon Butler.

The Permanent and Stated clerks, with Dr. Green, were appointed a committee to revise, and if necessary, correct the minutes.

The roll was called agreeably to a standing rule, when it appeared that the following members were absent without leave, viz.

Mr. Sawyer, Mr. C. E. Furman, Mr. Dunning, Mr. Sweezy, Mr. Hudson, Mr. Hepburn, Mr. Henry, Mr. Bissell, Mr. McCracken, Mr. Fitzgerald, Mr. Kirkpatrick, Mr. D. Lindley, Mr. Harrison, and Mr. Rice.

The Assembly having completed its business, it was resolved that this Assembly be dissolved, and that another Assembly chosen in the same manner be required to meet in the First Presbyterian church in the city of Pittsburgh, on the third Thursday in May, 1835, at 11 o'clock, A. M., and the Moderator dissolved the Assembly accordingly. Concluded with singing, prayer, and the benediction.

STATISTICAL REPORT.

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America has under its care twenty-three Synods, comprising one hundred and eighteen Presbyteries, viz:—

I. The Synod of Albany, containing the Presbyteries of 1. Londonderry, 2. Newburyport, 3. Champlain, 4. Troy, 5. Albany, 6. Columbia.

II. The Synod of Utica, containing the Presbyteries of 1. St. Lawrence, 2. Watertown, 3. Oswego, 4. Oneida, 5. Otsego.

III. The Synod of Geneva, containing the Presbyteries of 1. Geneva, 2. Chenango, 3. Onondaga, 4. Cayuga, 5. Tioga, 6. Cortland, 7. Bath, 8. Delaware.

IV. The Synod of Genessee, containing the Presbyteries of 1. Genessee, 2. Ontario, 3. Rochester, 4. Niagara, 5. Buffalo, 6. Angelica.

V. The Synod of New York, containing the Presbyteries of 1. New York, 2. New York Second, 3. New York Third, 4. Hudson, 5. North River, 6. Bedford, 7. Long Island, 8. Long-Island Second.

VI. The Synod of New Jersey, containing the Presbyteries of 1. Newark, 2 Elizabethtown, 3. New Brunswick, 4. Newton, 5. Susquehanna, 6. Montrose.

VII. The Synod of Philadelphia, containing the Presbyteries of 1. Philadelphia, 2. Philadelphia Second, (Synodical,) 3. New Castle, 4. Baltimore, 5. Carlisle, 6. Huntingdon, 7. Northumberland, 8. District of Columbia.

VIII. The Synod of Delaware, containing the Presbyteries of 1. Philadelphia Second, 2. Wilmington, 3. Lewes.

IX. The Synod of Pittsburgh, containing the Presbyteries of 1. Allegheny, 2. Redstone, 3. Ohio, 4. Steubenville, 5. Erie, 6. Washington, 7. Beaver, 8. Blairsville.

X. The Synod of the Western Reserve, containing the Presbyteries of 1. Grand River, 2. Portage, 3. Huron, 4. Trumbull, 5. Cleaveland.

XI. The Synod of Ohio, containing the Presbyteries of 1. Columbus, 2. Richland, 3. Lancaster, 4. Athens.

XII. The Synod of Cincinnati, containing the Presbyteries of 1. Chillicothe, 2. Miami, 3. Cincinnati, 4. Oxford.

XIII. The Synod of Indiana, containing the Presbyteries of 1. Salem, 2. Madison, 3. Vincennes, 4. Crawfordsville, 5. Indianapolis.

XIV. The Synod of Illinois, containing the Presbyteries of 1. Illinois, 2. Kaskaskia, 3. Sangamon, 4. Schuyler, 5. Palestine.

XV. The Synod of Missouri, containing the Presbyteries of 1. Missouri, 2. St. Louis, 3. St. Charles.

XVI. The Synod of Kentucky, containing the Presbyteries of 1. Louisville, 2. Muhlenberg, 3. Transylvania, 4. West Lexington, 5. Ebenezer, 6. Tabor.

XVII. The Synod of Virginia, containing the Presbyteries of 1. Winchester, 2. West Hanover, 3. Lexington, 4. East Hanover.

XVIII. The Synod of North Carolina, containing the Presbyteries of 1. Orange, 2. Fayetteville, 3. Concord.

XIX. The Synod of Tennessee, containing the Presbyteries of 1. Abingdon, 2. Union, 3. Holston, 4. French Broad.

XX. The Synod of West Tennessee, containing the Presbyteries of 1. West Tennessee, 2. Shiloh, 3. North Alabama, 4. Western District.

XXI. The Synod of South Carolina and Georgia, containing the Presbyteries of 1. South Carolina, 2. Bethel, 3. Hopewell, 4. Charleston Union, 5. Harmony, 6. Georgia, 7. Good Hope.

XXII. The Synod of Mississippi and South Alabama, containing the Presbyteries of 1. Mississippi, 2. South Alabama, 3. Tombigbee, 4. Clinton.

XXIII. The Synod of Michigan, containing the Presbyteries of 1. Detroit, 2. St. Joseph, 3. Monroe.

SUMMARY VIEW OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, FOR 1834.

PREPARED BY THE STATED CLERK OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

NAMES OF PRESBYTERIES.	Ministers.	Licentiates.	Candidates.	Churches.	Com. added on examination.	Com. added on certificate.	Total now in Communion.	Adults baptized since last report.	Infants baptized since last report.	Total of Baptisms.	Missionary Funds raised.	Funds for Commissioners.	Theological Seminary Funds raised.	Education Funds raised.	Contingent Fund of the General Assembly.
Londonderry,	19	3		12	20	5	2067	3	57	60		$17 50			
Newburyport,	15			2	19	10	383	20	40	60	$ 327 00	5 00			
Champlain,	17	3	2	19	196	16	2257	52	98	186	539 50	29 70		$ 60 00	$2 00
Albany,	34	3		36	230	116	6332	87	189	276	3881 12	157 08	$176 00	2590 41	14 51
Troy,	28	1		29	208	106	4317	82	98	180	965 00	120 60	450 00	1202 25	16 94
Columbia,	27	3	5	18	64	36	2175	33	124	157					
Watertown,	16	1		24	217	105	2744	73	166	239	782 67	39 14		291 13	14 71
St. Lawrence,	10	1		10	54	21	933	29	47	84	227 00	7 50		213 00	
Oswego,	13		1	23	94	70	2129	25	113	128	444 69	11 45		172 37	
Oneida,	48	7		40	149	213	5364	56	104	177	2570 34	38 50		890 05	2 00
Otsego,	11	1		18	259	63	2140	72	123	195	955 89	19 75		243 00	3 04
Chenango,	14		1	22	97	60	2268	25	107	133	1675 77	15 04		208 61	
Delaware,	8			15	102	47	1938	52	66	118	948 30			180 67	
Cortland,	12	1		16	127	45	2045	34	68	102	551 28	34 83		210 69	
Onondaga,	17	4		26	108	109	2864	31	113	144	837 92	4 00		500 45	
Cayuga,	31	15		31	273	98	4296	90	103	193	2412 27	60 12	52 00	813 37	50
Tioga,	19	1		18	155	53	1703	72	84	156	379 26	25 68		98 50	
Geneva,	37	1		38	212	171	4378	72	283	355	6878 62	87 72	345 00	3237 70	
Bath,	22			36	137	132	2617	54	157	211	1028 78	27 06		235 50	
Angelica,	10			19	233	65	1322	123	46	126	64 19	21 76		22 00	5 00
Ontario,	23	1		23	95	102	1710	40	87	127	658 97	20 00		355 03	
Rochester,	25	2		25	659	299	3742	280	161	441	2744 81	37 66		510 06	
Genessee,	22	1		26	357		1670	53	76	102	605 68	51 00		591 89	
Niagara,	13	1		18			1317								5 00
Buffalo,	33			43	591		3259	181	128	309	1014 47	30 00	1000 00	333 00	
Hudson,	23	2	1	26	46	45	3409	17	109	126	1049 00	22 47		210 50	6 05
North River,	14	2	6	19	171	37	2634	61	38	99	636 07	21 42		369 16	12 00
Bedford,	10	1	4	16	14	26	1125	3	28	31	639 59	23 00	10 00	284 90	8 19
Long Island,	13		3	12	61	9	1357	21	32	53	529 00	20 04		26 50	5 38
Long Island 2d,	9	1	2	11	68	14	1065	24	96	120	156 39	23 74		32 77	10 02
New York,	24	5	9	13	174	231	4506	47	188	235	7206 88	118 50	710 80	5294 34	49 75

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New York 2d,	8			4	79	241	1083	15	97	109	$3086 87	$142 00		$611 00	$10 00
New York 3d,	33	6		21	676	411	5708	269	279	548	12570 37	206 74		4275 28	
Newark,	31	2	4	27	314	161	3791	177	366	543	3997 36	65 95		782 08	64 80
Elizabethtown,	23	6	5	20	369	150	3780	156	190	346	1893 86	22 87		839 91	27 87
New Brunswick,	26	8	10	19	189	85	3283	96	162	258	2083 65	72 90	$28 00	777 29	57 98
Newton,	26	2		32	188	70	3437	43	225	268	913 24	19 29		295 93	21 09
Susquehanna,	12		3	17	87	42	1068	25	36	81	222 92	22 72		87 00	
Montrose,	12	1		19	141	29	1334	42	45	101	366 21	24 04		139 85	
Philadelphia,	19	3		19	113	56	3000	24	143	167	1339 92	11 30	78 00	926 00	15 87
Phila. 2d, *Synodical.*	11	3		17	203	120	1820	59	90	149	1265 11	63 73	114 21	1640 00	37 11
New Castle,	25	4	6	33	407	45	4228	157	190	347	1161 11	13 00		415 00	
Baltimore,	12	6	8	9	224	95	1876	33	142	175	2885 00	15 00		3568 00	10 00
District of Columbia,	14	3	2	9	102	29	1134	12	61	73	561 77	30 50	20 00	247 70	12 00
Carlisle,	28	2	2	48	245	103	4843	42	253	295	1185 01	48 00	10 00	228 50	34 98
Huntingdon,	19	1	1	33	331	122	4063	55	406	461	835 16	50 00		114 87	
Northumberland,	10	5		18	95	18	1767			197	677 75	25 00	90 00	5 00	
Philadelphia 2d,	22	4	6	17	226	103	4068	64	118	264	7837 72	282 32	1690 60	2912 59	19 33
Wilmington,	10		1	15	127	49	1254	48	44	92	1007 00	29 00		354 75	
Lewes,	6			13	105	4	836	3	48	52	63 25	10 00		13 50	7 12
Allegheny,	12			29	137	57	2139	14	251	265	112 28	35 36		88 62	
Erie,	17	2		37	221	75	2889	46	141	187	378 13	45 56	40 00	10 00	
Beaver,	15	1	2	34	134	90	3220	16	255	271	243 38	47 07	158 00	14 66	
Redstone,	11	1	1	26	277	40	2983	65	226	291	408 11	53 65	227 00	97 19	
Steubenville,	14	3		30	195	98	2167			320	379 10	39 03	403 00	87 00	
Washington,	19	1	9	22	211	100	3157	55	263	318	2268 36	98 25	640 06	595 13	17 00
Ohio,	30	4	6	31	236	204	3937	43	338	381	1973 42	104 81	1385 25	602 97	24 16
Blairsville,	17		1	26	217	95	3252	44	339	383	806 04	78 06	300 60	100 81	
Detroit,	8	1		13	7	47	475	4	6	10		69 50		110 00	
St. Joseph,	4			5	46	26	128			12	51 00	3 00		77 00	
Monroe,	7			14	64	112	793			84	362 00	5 50		116 00	
Grand River,	21	1		28	14	23	1605			42	315 00	46 99		199 58	
Portage,	21	1		27	172	195	1875	46	158	204	934 61	22 85	6 30	605 11	2 25
Huron,	13			22	45	77	807	23	34	57	195 00	15 03		296 49	
Trumbull,	8			17	32	31	782	3	36	54	291 01	21 83		215 66	

Cleaveland,	21	1		30	89	222	1526	11	105	116	864	52	19	02		420	00	
Columbus,	17	2		33	137	118	2267	31	152	183	340	11	53	57		147	33	12 48
Richland,	19	1		50	142	150	2940	36	255	291	478	46	50	79	65 00	124	34	15 00
Lancaster,	18		2	36	212	136	2558	48	238	286	1003	34	58	54	30 75	621	34	38 48
Athens,	9	4		18	62	33	1178	22	67	89	454	16			131 62	416	60	
Miami,	17			27	81	162	2489	20	152	174	916	12	61	00	234 00	230	41	5 00
Chillicothe,	19	6	2	26	132	98	2963	32	233	265	543	64	77	58	5 75	414	48	425
Cincinnati,	26	2		31	250	182	3227	67	167	234	1805	72	7	81		884	24	
Oxford,	18	2	10	25	73	65	1446	23	59	82	336	50	58	87	30 00	179	50	
Salem,	6	2		20	61	30	824	18	51	69	49	65	30	41	69 28	232	75	
Madison,	12	2		16	73	94	857			102	109	57	22	17	62 75	105	00	
Vincennes,	9		1	16	100	29	806			85	22	50	5	75	20 00	17	41	
Crawfordsville,	12	1		22	95	61	858	13	79	92	40	68	40	50		239	25	
Indianapolis,	9	2		23	104	93	994	11	120	153	55	75	26	43	16 48	125	00	1 50
Illinois,	11			9	23	72	278	8	11	19	80	00	10	00		465	50	
Kaskaskia,	9	1		20	52	31	587	6	59	70	74	75	30	00		30	00	
Sangamon,	6			9	17	35	323	5	9	14	11	00				111	00	
Schuyler,	5			4	10	23	158	6	10	16	34	00	3	00		57	00	
Palestine,	5			10	163	39	221	10	20	30	5	00	4	00		5	50	
St. Louis,	6	3		12	82	45	792	29	61	90	902	25	25	00		681	59	
Missouri,	4			9			330											
St. Charles,	7			12			427											
Louisville,	10	2		22	81	60	1214	34	93	126	537	23	104	25	25 00	792	50	
Muhlenberg,	6			20	87	11	747	27	18	45	2	12				1	25	
Transylvania,	15	3	1	27	262	58	2551	141	141	282	736	47	130	00	107 50	2128	04	
West Lexington,	21	4		30	400	67	2330			312	445	09	171	00	2 00	1281	50	24 00
Ebenezer,	9	3		21	127	17	1536	37	88	124	440	20	61	50		357	00	8 00
Winchester, .	14	1	3	29	142	18	2209	48	124	172	497	26	53	70		733	94	9 45
East Hanover,	18	5		14	87	38	1327	26	87	115	2428	66	63	25	210 25	2372	00	18 73
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Lexington,	25	4	7	41	1769	60	6489	426	434	860	934	67	130	50	53 91	880	41	4 00
Orange,	33	7	4	40	46	9	2338	14	54	68	740	15	73	00	75 00	297	50	20 00
Fayetteville,	17	3	7	44	902	18	4231	106	240	346	10	00	90	45	10 00	8	00	
Concord,	19	1	4	48	519	18	4422	126	323	449	291	00	61	66	190 00	815	00	
Abingdon,	7			11	8		781		5	5	6	27	13	00		2	50	
Union,	26	4	11	30	460	55	3059	173	158	335			15	00				
Holston,	9			14			1941											
French Broad,	8		4	12	344	11	1358	139	78	217	25	00	10	00				
West Tennessee,	18			17	218	51	1426	53	149	205	343	67	5	50	10 00	276	00	
Shiloh,	9	2	2	26	249	57	1400	83	96	156	158	87	77	00		326	75	
North Alabama,	10	3	3	15	27	25	725	11	30	41	251	12	45	00		273	00	6 75
Western District,	14			22	63	44	742			81	18	50	21	70		66	43	

NAMES OF PRESBYTERIES.	Ministers.	Licentiates.	Candidates.	Churches.	Com. added on examination.	Com. added on certificate.	Total now in Communion.	Adults baptized since last report.	Infants baptized since last report.	Total of Baptisms.	Missionary Funds raised.	Funds for Commissioners.	Theological Seminary Funds raised.	Education Funds raised.	Contingent Fund of the General Assembly.
South Carolina,	14	1	2	35	308	29	2917	110	175	285	$ 17 56	$57 12		$270 25	
Bethel,	9	2	3	19	146	36	2072	35	175	210	93 75	50 50	$ 32 00	110 00	
Hopewell,	19	1	7	35	91		1586	30	57	87					
Charleston Union,	19	7		12	14	3	936	2	20	22	2000 00		1000 00	2000 00	
Harmony,	16	2		25	78	23	2401	33	67	102	402 00	100 00	644 41	216 25	$ 10 00
Georgia,	13			10	36	13	376	5	20	25	279 93	30 00	1000 00	115 00	
Good Hope,	11	1	3	25	46	55	1420	16	106	122	193 07	34 75		182 62	
Mississippi,	12	3	3	26	52	25	679	28	74	102	576 25	2 00	50 00	430 00	20 00
South Alabama.	21	3	1	33	136	50	1878	61	128	189	939 24	60 00	20 00	345 00	6 00
Tombigbee,	8	1		12	37	29	390	9	40	49					
Clinton,	7	2		7	6	1	134		10	10					
Total, 118	1914	236	185	2648	20296	8145	247964	5738	13004	20103	$114687 09	$5094 37	$13043 02	$60302 00	$720 29

Since our last publication on this subject, the following thirty-six Ministers of the Gospel have departed this life.

Rev. Matthew Harrison, of the Presbytery of Cortland; Stephen Fenn, Delaware; Hezekiah N. Woodruff, Onondaga; Eleazer Lathrop, Bath; William Woods, Ohio; David Remington, Bedford; Ebenezer Phillips, Jesse Lockwood, Long Island; John Cloud, Miami; Joseph Brown, New York 3d, Henry Hunter, New York; Jacob Larzelere, Philadelphia 2d, (*Synodical*); Francis A. Latta, New Castle; Stephen B. Balch, D. D., William C. Walton, District of Columbia; Thomas Grier, North River; Matthew L. Fullerton, James G. Breckinridge, Carlisle; John Coulter, William Reed, Huntingdon; Matthew Laird, Northumberland; John Mitchelmore, Lewes; Ezra Fisk, D. D., Hudson; Walter Monteith, New York 2d; John M'Millan, D. D., John Joyce, Ohio; James Kemper, Cincinnati; John R. Moreland, Indianapolis; William Rennells, George W. Ashbridge, Samuel L. Marshall, Louisville; John R. Kerr, Transylvania; Joseph P. Cunningham, West Lexington; Alexander Logan, Ebenezer; Daniel Gould, Concord; Seth J. Porter, St. Joseph.

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PITTSBURGH, May 21st, 1835.

THE General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church met in the First Presbyterian Church in this city, and the Rev. Dr. Lindsley, the Moderator of the last Assembly, being absent, was opened with a sermon by the Rev. Samuel Miller, D. D., at the request of the Rev. Dr. William A. McDowell, the last Moderator present, with a sermon on 2 Corinthians iv. 7: "But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God and not of us." After sermon the stated clerk called the house to order, and informed them, that the Rev. Dr. Lindsley, the Moderator of the last Assembly, being absent, the duties of the chair devolved upon the last Moderator, who is present, and has a commission to sit in this Assembly, and therefore he moved that the Rev. Nathan S. S. Beman, D. D., be called to the chair. This motion prevailed, and Dr. Beman took the chair, and constituted the Assembly with prayer.

The Standing Committee of Commissions reported that the following persons present have been duly appointed Commissioners to this General Assembly, viz.:—

PRESBYTERY OF LONDONDERRY—*Minister*—Rev. Zedekiah S. Barstow. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF NEWBURYPORT—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF CHAMPLAIN—*Minister*—Rev. Charles Doolittle. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF ALBANY—*Ministers*—Rev. John N. Campbell, Erasmus D. McMaster. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF TROY—*Ministers*—Rev. Nathan S. S. Beman, D. D., Jonathan A Noble. *Elder*—Mr. Wm. A. Bliss.

PRESBYTERY OF COLUMBIA—*Ministers*—Rev. Thomas M. Smith, Jared B. Waterbury. *Elders*—Mr. Wm. Edwards, Caleb Day.

PRESBYTERY OF ST. LAWRENCE—*Minister*—Rev. John A. Savage. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF WATERTOWN—*Minister*—Rev. George S. Boardman. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF OSWEGO—*Minister*—Rev. Wm. B. Stow. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF ONEIDA—*Minister*—Rev. Aaron Garrison. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF OTSEGO—*Minister*—Rev. Samuel P. Stone. *Elder*—Mr. Thomas Fuller.

PRESBYTERY OF GENEVA—*Ministers*—Rev. Oren Catlin, Eliakim Phelps. *Elder*—Mr. Oren Crittenden.

PRESBYTERY OF CHENANGO—*Minister*—Rev. James Abell. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF ONONDAGA—*Minister*—Rev. Stephen S. Smith. *Elder*—Mr. John McVicar.

PRESBYTERY OF CAYUGA—*Ministers*—Rev. Daniel C. Axtell, John W. McCullough. *Elder*—Mr. Salem Town.

PRESBYTERY OF TIOGA—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—Mr. Hamilton Collier.

PRESBYTERY OF CORTLAND—*Minister*—Rev. Eleazer S. Barrows. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF BATH—*Ministers*—Rev. Elijah D. Wells, George R. Rudd. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF DELAWARE—*Minister*—Rev. Orlando L. Kirtland. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF GENESSEE—*Minister*—Rev. Alexander Denoon. *Elder*—Mr. John McPherson.

PRESBYTERY OF ONTARIO—*Minister*—Rev. Silas C. Brown. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF ROCHESTER—*Ministers*—Rev. Wm. Wisner, Luke Lyons. *Elders*—Mr. Levi Ward, Jr., Freeman Edson.

PRESBYTERY OF NIAGARA—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF BUFFALO—*Ministers*—Rev. Obadiah C. Beardslee, Samuel G. Orton. *Elder*—Mr. Wm. R. Rogers, Seth Starr.

PRESBYTERY OF ANGELICA—*Minister*—Rev. Jabez Spicer. *Elder*—Mr. Asa S. Allen.

PRESBYTERY OF NEW YORK—*Ministers*—Rev. Wm. W. Phillips, D. D., John M. Krebs. *Elders*—Mr. Gaius Fenn, James Lenox.

PRESBYTERY OF NEW YORK, (2d.)—*Minister*—Rev. Henry A. Rowland. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF NEW YORK, (3d.)—*Ministers*—Rev. William Patton, Henry White. *Elders*—Mr. Richard T. Haines, Charles Starr.

PRESBYTERY OF HUDSON—*Minister*—Rev. Charles Cummins, D. D. *Elder*—Mr. Thomas Houston.

PRESBYTERY OF NORTH RIVER—*Minister*—Rev. Eliphalet Price. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF BEDFORD—*Minister*—Rev. Jacob Green. *Elder*—Mr. John Owen.

PRESBYTERY OF LONG ISLAND—*Minister*—Rev. Ithamar Pillsbury. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF LONG ISLAND, (2*d.*)—*Minister*—Rev. Charles Webster. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF NEWARK—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—Mr. Obadiah Woodruff.

PRESBYTERY OF ELIZABETHTOWN—*Minister*—Rev. David Magie. *Elder*—Mr. Jonathan Townley.

PRESBYTERY OF NEW BRUNSWICK—*Ministers*—Rev. Samuel Miller, D. D., Peter S. Studdiford. *Elders*—Mr. David Wynkoop, John Vorhees.

PRESBYTERY OF NEWTON—*Ministers*—Rev. George Junkin, D. D., John Gray. *Elders*—Mr. Thomas McKeen, George R. King.

PRESBYTERY OF SUSQUEHANNA—*Minister*—Rev. James C. Sharon. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF MONTROSE—*Minister*—Rev. John M. Babbit. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF PHILADELPHIA—*Ministers*—Rev. William Latta, Samuel G. Winchester. *Elders*—Mr. Alex. Symington, Wm. Fahnestock.

PRESBYTERY OF PHILADELPHIA, 2d, (Synodical)—*Minister*—Rev. Cornelius C. Cuyler, D. D. *Elder*—Mr. Isaac Snowden.

PRESBYTERY OF NEW CASTLE—*Ministers*—Rev. John N. C. Grier, James Magraw, D. D. *Elders*—Mr. James Wilson, Robert Ralston.

PRESBYTERY OF BALTIMORE—*Minister*—Rev. John Breckinridge. *Elder*—Mr. Archibald George.

PRESBYTERY OF CARLISLE—*Ministers*—Rev. John Moody, James McKinley. *Elders*—Mr. Robert Elliott, John King.

PRESBYTERY OF HUNTINGDON—*Minister*—Rev. Samuel Hill. *Elder*—Mr. Ephraim Banks.

PRESBYTERY OF NORTHUMBERLAND—*Minister*—Rev. John H. Grier. *Elder*—Mr. Andrew Ferguson, Jr.

PRESBYTERY OF DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA—*Minister*—Rev. Mason Noble. *Elder*—Mr. Thomas Vowell.

PRESBYTERY OF PHILADELPHIA, (2d.)—*Ministers*—Rev. Ezra Stiles Ely, D. D., Albert Barnes. *Elders*—Mr. Thomas Elmes, Wm. Darling.

PRESBYTERY OF WILMINGTON—*Minister*—Rev. Eliphalet W. Gilbert. *Elder*—Mr. Thomas C. Alrichs.

PRESBYTERY OF LEWES—*Minister*—Rev. Alex. Campbell. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF ALLEGHENY—*Minister*—Rev. John Munson. *Elder*—Mr. Benj. Junkin.

PRESBYTERY OF REDSTONE—*Minister*—Rev. A. O. Patterson. *Elder*—Dr. Hugh Campbell.

PRESBYTERY OF OHIO—*Ministers*—Rev. Samuel Ralston, D. D., Lemuel F. Leake. *Elders*—Mr. Thomas Kiddoo, George Denniston.

PRESBYTERY OF STEUBENVILLE—*Minister*—Rev. Charles C. Beatty. *Elder*—Mr. Samuel Dunlap.

PRESBYTERY OF ERIE—*Minister*—Rev. Thomas Anderson. *Elder*—Mr. John McChord.

PRESBYTERY OF WASHINGTON—*Minister*—Rev. David Elliot. *Elder*—Mr. Walter Craig.

PRESBYTERY OF BEAVER—*Minister*—Rev. Robert Dilworth. *Elder*—Mr. Andrew Smith.

PRESBYTERY OF BLAIRSVILLE—*Minister*—Rev. Thomas Davis. *Elder*—Mr. David Johnson.

PRESBYTERY OF GRAND RIVER—*Minister*—Rev. Henry Cowles. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF PORTAGE—*Minister*—Rev. Wm. Hanford. *Elder*—Mr. Cyrus A. Stowell.

PRESBYTERY OF HURON—*Minister*—Rev. Everston Judson. *Elder*—Mr. James Boyd.

PRESBYTERY OF TRUMBULL—*Minister*—Rev. Isaas McIlvaine. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF CLEAVELAND—*Ministers*—Rev. James H. Eells, John Keep. *Elders*—Stephen Whitacre, John Ruple.

PRESBYTERY OF COLUMBUS—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF RICHLAND—*Minister*—Rev. Wm. Hughes. *Elder*—Mr. John Ewalt.

PRESBYTERY OF WOOSTER—*Minister*—James Snodgrass. *Elder*—Mr. Stephen Coe.

PRESBYTERY OF LANCASTER—*Minister*—Rev. James Culbertson. *Elder*—Mr. John Thompson.

PRESBYTERY OF ATHENS—*Minister*—Rev. Hiram R. Howe *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF CHILLICOTHE—*Minister*—Rev. James H. Dickey. *Elder*—Mr. Wm. Cook.

PRESBYTERY OF MIAMI—*Minister*—Rev. James Coe. *Elder*—Mr. Eden Burrowes.

PRESBYTERY OF CINCINNATI—*Minister*—Rev. Alex. T. Rankin. *Elders*—Mr. D. W. Fairbank, Dr. Thomas D. Mitchell.

PRESBYTERY OF OXFORD—*Minister*—Rev. Thos. E. Hughs. *Elder*—Mr. Benjamin C. Swan.

PRESBYTERY OF SALEM—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF MADISON—*Minister*—Rev. James Blythe, D. D. *Elder*—Mr. Victor King.

PRESBYTERY OF VINCENNES—*Minister*—Rev. Samuel R. Alexander. *Elder*—Frederick Dayhoof.

PRESBYTERY OF CRAWFORDSVILLE—*Minister*—Rev. L. G. Bell. *Elder*—Mr. Henry Robinson.

PRESBYTERY OF INDIANAPOLIS—*Minister*—Rev. David Montfort. *Elder*—Mr. John Hendricks.

PRESBYTERY OF ILLINOIS—*Minister*—Rev. Elisha Jenney. *Elder*—Mr. James Kerr.

PRESBYTERY OF KASKASKIA—*Minister*—Rev. John Matthews. *Elder*—Mr. James A. Ramsey.

PRESBYTERY OF SANGAMON—*Minister*—Rev. Lemuel Foster. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF OTTAWA—*Minister*—Rev. Jeremiah Porter. *Elder*—Mr. Wm. M. Stewart.

PRESBYTERY OF SCHUYLER—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—Mr. S. G. Wright.

PRESBYTERY OF PALESTINE—*Minister*—Rev. John C. Campbell. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF MISSOURI—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF ST. LOUIS—*Minister*—Rev. Edwin F. Hatfield. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF ST. CHARLES—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF LOUISVILLE—*Minister*—Rev. Nathan L. Rice. *Elder*—Mr. John Carr.

PRESBYTERY OF MUHLENBERG—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF TRANSYLVANIA—*Minister*—Rev. Thomas Clelland, D. D. *Elder*—Michael G. Youse.

PRESBYTERY OF WEST LEXINGTON—*Minister*—Rev. Robert Stewart. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF EBENEZER—*Minister*—Rev. Andrew Todd, *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF WINCHESTER—*Minister*—Rev. Wm. Matthews. *Elder*—Mr. Samuel D. Williamson.

PRESBYTERY OF WEST HANOVER—*Ministers*—Rev. Wm. Hill, D. D., J. H. C. Leach. *Elders*—Mr. Thos. M. Bondurant, Nelson Page.

PRESBYTERY OF LEXINGTON—*Minister*—Rev. John McElhenny. *Elder*—Mr. David Ruffner.

PRESBYTERY OF EAST HANOVER—*Minister*—Rev. Robert Burwell. *Elder* William H. Pegram.

PRESBYTERY OF ORANGE—*Ministers*—Rev. Michael Osborn, Alexander Wilson. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF FAYETTEVILLE—*Minister*—Rev. Jams W. Douglas. *Elder*—Mr. Hayes G. Beatty.

PRESBYTERY OF CONCORD—*Minister*—Rev. John Silliman. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF ABINGDON—*Minister*—Rev. Dugald McIntyre. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of Union—*Ministers*—Rev. C. M. Eagleton, Thomas Brown. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of Holston—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of French Broad—*Minister*—Nathaniel Hood. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of West Tennessee—*Minister*—Rev. James M. Arnell. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of Nashville—*Minister*—Rev. John T. Edgar, D. D. *Elder*—Mr. Robert H. McEwen.

Presbytery of Shiloh—*Minister*—Rev. George Newton. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of North Alabama—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of Western District—*Minister*—Rev. Hugh Wilson. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of South Carolina—*Minister*—Rev. Hugh Dickson. *Elder*—Mr. David Lesley.

Presbytery of Bethel—*Minister*—Rev. John Le Roy Davies. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of Hopewell—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of Charleston Union—*Minister*—Rev. Thomas Smith. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of Harmony—*Minister*—Rev. John Witherspoon. *Elder*—Mr. David George.

Presbytery of Georgia—*Minister*—Rev. Nathaniel A. Pratt. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of Good Hope—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of Mississippi—*Minister*—Rev. George Potts. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of South Alabama—*Minister*—Rev. Thomas Alexander *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of Arkansas—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of Tombigbee—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of Clinton—*Minister*—Rev. Jesse Stratton. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of Tuscaloosa—*Minister*—Rev. Joseph B. Adams. *Elder*—Mr. Robert B. McMullin.

Presbytery of Detroit—*Minister*—Rev. Oren C. Thompson. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of St. Joseph—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of Monroe—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

General Association of Connecticut—Rev. Laurens P. Hickok, Hart Talcot.

General Association of Massachusetts—None.

General Association of New Hampshire—None.

General Convention of Vermont—None.

General Synod of Reformed Dutch Church—None.

General Synod of German Reformed Church—None.

General Conference of Maine—None.

Evangelical Consociation of Rhode Island—None.

The committee further reported, that the commissions from the Second Presbytery of New York, and the Presbytery of Genessee, are without the signatures of the Moderator; that the commissioners from the Presbytery of Oswego have presented an attested extract from the minutes to prove their appointment; that the Rev. Elisha Jenney has evidence of his appointment, but lost his trunk which contained his commission in ascending the Ohio, and that the Rev. Hugh Wilson, Mr. Wm. H. Pegram, Mr. Oren Crittenden, and Mr. Asa S. Allen,

have evidence of having been duly appointed to attend this Assembly, but cannot present their commissions in due form.

The Assembly had a recess until 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Thursday afternoon 3 o'clock.

The Assembly met.

A motion was made to reconsider the vote by which Dr. Beman was called to the chair, on the ground that many persons voted in the apprehension that Dr. Wm. A. McDowell, the Moderator immediately preceding Dr. Lindsley, was not in the house; and that many others believed the rule of the house required the constituting Moderator to be in commission, which Dr. McDowell was not. This motion, after considerable discussion, was adopted unanimously.

After some further remarks, it was agreed that the original motion of the stated clerk should be again submitted to the house, and the vote be taken by him. Whereupon Dr. Ely put the question;—"All who are in favour of sustaining the resolution passed in the morning, by which Dr. Beman was called to the chair, will signify it by saying Aye." This motion was lost.

It was then moved that the Rev. Wm. A. McDowell, D. D., being the last Moderator present, be requested to take the chair. This motion prevailed, and Dr. McDowell took the chair accordingly.

The Rev. Eliakim Phelps, J. M. Krebs, and Mr. Charles Starr, were appointed a committee of Elections, and the cases of the commissioners above reported, were referred to them.

The committee of Elections reported, that they had examined the cases of the commissioners referred to them, and finding ample evidence that they had all been duly appointed commissioners to this Assembly, recommended that their names be enrolled as members. This report was adopted.

The right of two persons to a seat in the Assembly from the Presbytery of Portage was questioned; whereupon their case was referred to the committee of Elections. After considering the subject, the committee reported that the names of the minister and elder last appointed, should be erased; because the Presbytery is entitled to no more than two commissioners. This report was adopted.

A letter was received and read from John M'Dowell D. D., informing the Assembly that in consequence of ill health, he was not able to attend their present sessions. Whereupon the Rev. Jacob Green was appointed to act as Permanent Clerk, during the sessions of the present Assembly.

The Assembly proceeded to the choice of a Moderator and Temporary Clerk, when Wm. W. Phillips, D. D., was chosen Moderator, and the Rev. John M. Krebs, was chosen Temporary Clerk.

Resolved, That it be the order of the day for to-morrow morning after reading of the minutes, to hear the report of the Board of Education.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Friday morning, May 22, 9 o'clock.

The Assembly met agreeably to adjournment, and was opened with prayer.

The roll was called, and the minutes of yesterday were read.

The committee of commissions reported the following additional members, who appeared and took their seats, viz: the Rev. Asa Hillyer, D. D., and the Rev. Samuel Fisher, D. D., from the Presbytery of Newark; the Rev. James Hoge, D. D., and Mr. John Entreken, a ruling elder, from the Presbytery of Columbus; Daniel S. Benton, a ruling elder from the Presbytery of Bath; Stephen Wells, a ruling elder from the Presbytery of Detroit, and the Rev. Jacob Scales, a delegate from the General Association of New Hampshire; Mr. James M. Preston, a ruling elder from the Presbytery of Ebenezer; Mr. Ephraim Cutler, a ruling elder from the Presbytery of Athens; Mr. Oren Green, a rul-

ing elder from the Presbytery of Geneva, and the Rev. Herbert A. Read, from the Presbytery of Niagara.

Mr. D. Elliot, Dr. Beman, Dr. Hoge, Mr. R. Stewart, Mr. J. Witherspoon, Mr. Dixon, Mr. E. Brooks, Mr. McKeen, Mr. Owen, Mr. Snowden, and Mr. Dunlap, were appointed a committee of Bills and Overtures, to meet in this house immediately upon the rising of the Assembly this morning, and afterwards on their own adjournments.

Dr. Blythe, Mr. Leech, Dr. Hill, Dr. Cuyler, Dr. Junkin, Wm. Darling, Dr. Hugh Campbell, Walter Craig, and James Lenox, were appointed a judicial committee.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Board of Education made their annual report, which was read by the Corresponding Secretary, the Rev. John Breckinridge.

This report was accepted, and referred to the Board for publication.

A communication was received from a committee of the trustees of the General Assembly, requesting permission to appropriate Mr. Lindsay's donation, amounting to one hundred and ten dollars, for the conversion of the Jews, by putting the same into the hands of the Rev. Jonathan Winchester, for that object. This communication was committed to Mr. Breckinridge, Mr. Kepp, and Mr. S. C. Brown.

A motion was made that it is expedient for this General Assembly to choose a new Stated Clerk. After some discussion, the Assembly adjourned to meet at 3 o'clock this afternoon. Concluded with prayer.

Friday afternoon, 3 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The roll was called, and the minutes of the last session were read.

The committee of commissions reported the following additional members, who appeared and took their seats, viz: the Rev. Solomon Hardy, from the Presbytery of Schuyler; Mr. Jacob W. Brewster, a ruling elder from the Presbytery of Watertown; Mr. Wm. F. Winchell, a ruling elder from the Presbytery of Oneida.

The committee of Bills and Overtures, reported Overtures Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, which were ordered to be put upon the docket.

The unfinished business of the morning was postponed for the purpose of taking up overture No. 1, which relates to the right of Mr. Freeman Edson to a seat in this house as a commissioner. The documents were read, and the whole business was committed to Messrs. James Coe, L. G. Bell, and David Johnson.

The Stated Clerk in behalf of the General Association of Connecticut, Massachusetts, and New Hampshire, the Synod of the German Reformed Church, and of the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church, presented several copies of their minutes respectively, which were ordered to be distributed among the members.

The unfinished business of the morning was resumed, when, after some remarks, it was for the present laid upon the table.

The following committees were appointed to examine the records of the Synods, viz. The Records of the Synod of

Albany—A. Wilson, Silliman, and Beatty.
Michigan—Dr. Cummins, Mr. H. White, and Mr. Ewalt.
New York—Dr. Magraw, Mr. G. Potts, and Mr. H. G. Beatty.
New Jersey—Mr. Winchester, Mr. D. C. Axtell, and Mr. G. R. King.
Philadelphia—Mr. D. Magie, Mr. C. C. Beatty, Mr. Wynkoop.
Pittsburgh—Mr. J. N. C. Grier, Mr. Moody, and Mr. Fahnestock.
Ohio—Mr. J. N. Campbell, Mr. Boardman, Mr. Day.

Indiana—Mr. Munson, Mr. Leake, and Mr. McChord.
Utica—Mr. Culbertson, Mr. Wm. Hughes, Mr. S. Coe.
Geneva—Mr. J. L. Davis, Mr. T. Smith, and O. George.
Delaware—Dr. Ralston, Mr. Studdiford, and Mr. A. George.
Western Reserve—Mr. J. Snodgrass, Mr. D. McKinley, and Mr. R. Ralston.
Cincinnati—Mr. Gray, Mr. McMaster, and Mr. W. Cook.
Illinois—Mr. Webster, Mr. J. Silliman, and Mr. B. Junkin.
Missouri—Mr. J. H. Dickey, Mr. R. S. Alexander, and Mr. V. King.
Mississippi and Alabama—Mr. Grier, Mr. T. Anderson, and Mr. Craig.
Virginia—Mr. Gilbert, Mr. Shanon, and Mr. J. Townley.
Tennessee—Mr. Noble, Mr. J. B. Waterbury, and Mr. H. Campbell.
S. Carolina and Georgia—Mr. S. Hill, Mr. Phelps, and Mr. J. King.
Kentucky—Mr. T. Alexander, Mr. J. B. Adams, and Mr. Leslie.
N. Carolina—Mr. W. Latta, Mr. Babbit, and Mr. Vowel.
West Tennessee—Mr. A. O. Patterson, Mr. Osborn, Mr. Kiddoo.
Genessee—Mr. Pratt, Dr. Edgar, and Mr. R. B. McMullin.

Mr. Symington, Mr. C. Starr, and Mr. Fenn, were appointed a committee to receive an account of the miles travelled by the commissioners to the Assembly, and to make an apportionment of the commissioners' fund agreeably to the standing rule on the subject.

Dr. Fisher, Dr. Cleland, Mr. Denoon, Mr. W. Matthews, and Mr. Hains were appointed a committee on giving leave of absence.

A document purporting to be a memorial and petition, signed by several ministers and elders of the Presbyterian Church, was presented to the Assembly, and referred to the committee of Bills and Overtures.

Overture No. 2, viz: an application from the congregation of New Castle, of the Presbytery of Wilmington, in the Synod of Delaware, to be transferred to the Presbytery of New Castle, in the Synod of Philadelphia, was taken up, and read, and re-committed to the committee on Bills and Overtures.

Overture No. 3, being a memorial from the Second Presbytery of Philadelphia (Synodical,) in which the Assembly are desired to forbid the formation of new churches by the Assembly's Second Presbytery; and also a petition against the organization and reception of the Fair Mount Presbyterian church, was taken up and read, and committed to Messrs. J. W. Douglass, N. L. Rice, A. Todd, J. Carr, and I. A. Ramsey, to report on the same such measures as ought to be adopted by the Assembly.

Resolved, That it be the order of the day for Monday morning at 10 o'clock, to receive reports from the Presbyteries on the state of religion within their bounds, and Messrs. Monfort, Magie, Boardman, Johnston, Waterbury, and Talcott, were appointed a committee to prepare a narrative.

The Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary at Princeton presented their annual report, which was read and accepted, and referred to a committee consisting of Dr. Hoge, Mr. Witherspoon, and Mr. Ward.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire whether any, and if any, what provisions can and ought to be made to guard our Theological Seminary at Princeton against the influence of young gentlemen who may be there, or come there, with a view to proselyte its students to doctrines inimical to our standards. Dr. Hillyer, Dr. Hill, Mr. Winchester, Mr. J. Breckinridge, and Mr. Walter Craig, were appointed this committee.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Saturday morning, May 23d, 9 *o'clock.*

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The committee of Commissions reported the Rev. James Gallaher from the

Presbytery of Cincinnati; the Rev. Seneca White, from the General Conference of Maine; Mr. Herman D. Gould, a ruling elder from the Presbytery of Delaware, and Mr. John Little, a ruling elder from the Presbytery of Elizabethtown.

The Permanent Clerk reported, that there have been put into his hands the following items of Judicial business, viz: an appeal and complaint of Thomas Bradford against a decision of the Second Presbytery of Philadelphia—an appeal of Samuel Lowry from the Presbytery of Schuyler—a complaint of the Rev. George Duffield and others, against the Synod of Philadelphia—a complaint of the Rev. W. R. Dewitt and others, against the Synod of Philadelphia—and an appeal of Wm. H. Shumway from the decision of the Synod of Utica. The above papers were put into the hands of the Judicial committee.

Resolved, That it be the order of the day for Monday, immediately after receiving reports on the state of religion, to hear the annual report of the Board of Missions.

The Judicial committee reported the complaint of the Rev. Geo. Duffield and others, against the Synod of Philadelphia, as in order, and recommended that it be taken up. The subject was ordered to be put upon the docket.

The committee of Overtures reported overture No. 2, which had been recommitted to them—also overture No. 9; which were ordered to be entered on the docket.

The committee appointed on overture No. 1 reported, and their report was accepted.

After considerable discussion on the subject of the report, the Assembly adjourned to meet on Monday morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Monday morning, May 25, 9 *o'clock.*

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The committee of Commissions reported the following additional members, who appeared and took their seats, viz: the Rev. Silas H. Hazard, from the Presbytery of Amitie; Mr. Joseph Jackson, a ruling elder from the Presbytery of Newark; Mr. John Reynolds, a ruling elder from the Presbytery of Lexington; Mr. James Stonestreet, a ruling elder from the Presbytery of West Lexington; the Rev. Thomas L. Janeway, from the Presbytery of Elizabethtown; and the Rev. Stephen W. Burritt, from the Presbytery of Oneida.

The committee further reported, that Mr. Benedict Brooks, a ruling elder from the Presbytery of Geneva, had presented to them a commission having only the signature of the Clerk; and that the Rev. Charles White from the Presbytery of Tioga, had presented a commission having only the signature of the Moderator. These cases were referred to the committee of Elections.

The committee of Bills and Overtures, reported overtures Nos. 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, and 15, which were ordered to be entered on the docket.

Overture No. 14, proposing to the General Assembly to shorten the term of probation of Mr. John Anderson, a foreign licentiate, was taken up and committed to Dr. Fisher, Mr. Gray, and Mr. Edwards.

The committee of elections reported in favour of the reception of Mr. Benedict Brooks, and the Rev. Charles White, which report was adopted.

The judicial committee reported as in order two complaints and appeals from the Fifth Church of Philadelphia, against the decisions of the Second Presbytery of Philadelphia, made in 1834 and 1835, together with accompanying papers; also, the complaint of Thomas Bradford against the Second Presbytery of Philadelphia; also, a complaint of the commissioners of the Fifth Church of Philadelphia against the decision of the Second Presbytery of Philadelphia;

also, the complaint of the Rev. George Duffield and others, against a decision of the Synod of Philadelphia; also, the complaint of the Rev. W. R. Dewitt and others, against a decision of the Synod of Philadelphia. This report was accepted, and the several items of business reported, were ordered to be put upon the docket.

Rev. A. O. Patterson, W. Wisner, W. Patton, Mr. James Wilson, and R Elliott, were appointed a committee to make arrangements for the religious exercises of Wednesday next.

The Assembly resumed the unfinished business of Saturday, viz: the report of the committee on overture No. 1, which, after considerable discussion, was recommitted to the same committee, with the addition of Drs. Junkin and Ely.

The Assembly proceeded, agreeably to the order of the day, to receive from the Presbyteries written narratives of the state of religion. The Presbyteries were called, and the narratives handed to the committee appointed to prepare a general narrative. The narratives from the corresponding bodies were also handed to the same committee.

The annual report of the Board of Missions was read in part, by the Rev. Wm. A. McDowell, D. D., their Corresponding Secretary—when the Assembly adjourned to meet this afternoon at 3 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Monday, 3 o'clock, P. M.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The committee of commissions reported the following additional members, viz: Rev. Ashbel S. Wells, from the Presbytery of Monroe; Mr. David Campbell, a ruling elder from the Presbytery of Londonderry, and the Rev. David Kammerer, from the Reformed Dutch Church, who appeared and took their seats.

The reading of the report of the Board of Missions was resumed and finished.

The report was accepted, and referred to the Board for publication.

The Board of Directors of the Union Theological Seminary made their report, which was accepted, and ordered to be printed in the appendix to the minutes.

Overture No. 11, concerning the observance of the Sabbath, was taken up and read, and committed to Dr. Beman, Dr. Wisner, Mr. Bell, Mr. Jenny, and Mr. Wm. M. Stewart.

The committee to whom was recommitted overture No. 1 reported, and their report was accepted, and discussed at some length—when the Assembly adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Tuesday morning, May 26th, 9 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The committee appointed on overture No. 14, from the Presbytery of Elizabethtown, respecting the case of Mr. John Anderson, a foreign licentiate, who in October, 1834, was received under the care of the Presbytery of New York, and in April last transferred to the Presbytery of Elizabethtown—requesting that Mr. Anderson's year of probation may be considered as commencing at the time when he was received by the Presbytery of New York, reported as follows:—

After examining all the documents put into their hands respecting the subject, they unanimously recommend that the request of the Presbytery of Elizabethtown be granted. This report was accepted and adopted.

The committee of bills and overtures reported an additional paper to overture No. 6. Also, overtures Nos. 16, 17, 18, 19 and 20, which were put upon the docket.

The judicial committee reported the appeal of Wm. H. Shumway, from the decision of the Synod of Utica, as in order. They also reported, recommending that the papers on the subject of the appeal from the Presbytery of Schuyler be returned to the appellant, on the ground of informality in conducting the appeal, and that the appellant be directed to prosecute his appeal before the Synod of Illinois.

Their report was put upon the docket.

The unfinished business of yesterday was taken up, viz: the report of the committee on overture No. 1, which, after some further discussion, was amended and adopted, and is as follows, viz:—

The committee to whom was referred overture No. 1, a communication from the session of Wheatland Congregation in reference to the appointment of Freeman Edson as a commissioner to this Assembly, beg leave to present the following report, viz:—

Agreeably to the constitution of our church the office of ruling elder is perpetual, (see Form of Government, chap. 13, sec. 6,) and cannot be laid aside by the will of the individual called to that office, nor can any congregation form rules which would make it lawful for any one to lay it aside. Your committee are of opinion that the mode of electing elders in the congregation of Wheatland for a term of years was irregular, and ought in future to be abandoned, but cannot invalidate the ordination of persons thus elected and ordained to the office of ruling elder. And whereas, it appears that Mr. Freeman Edson was once elected to the office of ruling elder in the church of Wheatland, and was regularly set apart to that office; whereas, there seems to be some material diversity of views between the Presbytery of Rochester and the church session to which Mr. Edson once belonged, as to the manner in which, and the principle on which, he ceased to be an acting elder in the said church, into which the Assembly have no opportunity at present of regularly examining; and whereas, the Presbytery, with a distinct knowledge, as is alleged, of all the circumstances attending this case, gave Mr. Edson a regular commission as a ruling elder to this General Assembly; therefore

Resolved, That he retain his seat as a member of the Assembly.

The committee to whom was referred the resolution offered respecting the Theological Seminary of Princeton reported, and their report was accepted and adopted, and is as follows, viz:—

The General Assembly having undiminished and full confidence in the orthodoxy, firmness, vigilance, and fidelity of their Professors, and believing that by the existing laws and regulations of the institution the said Professors are invested with all the powers necessary to the right government of the Seminary; therefore resolved, that no additional regulations are necessary at this time; the Assembly being persuaded that all the existing laws will be fully carried into effect.

Overture No. 16, being a memorial signed by several ministers and elders of the Presbyterian Church, praying for the redress of certain grievances in the Presbyterian Church was taken up and read; and after considerable discussion as to the disposal of the memorial, the Assembly adjourned to meet this afternoon at 3 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Tuesday afternoon, 3 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The Treasurer presented a copy of his annual cash account, as settled by a committee of the Trustees; the certificate of the settlement; and the list of the stocks, recorded on page 223; which were laid on the table for the inspection of the members.

By request of Mr. Wm. H. Shumway, Dr. Ely was appointed his counsel in conducting his appeal.

The committee on leave of absence reported that they had given leave to Mr. Levi Ward.

The committee of bills and overtures reported Nos. 21 and 22, which were put upon the docket.

The committee appointed to examine the records of the Synods of Missouri and Virginia, reported respectively, and the records were approved.

The committee appointed to examine the records of the Synod of New Jersey reported that the records had not been put into their hands. The committee was discharged. Nominations were made to fill the vacancies in the Board of Missions. The election was made the order of the day for to-morrow afternoon.

The unfinished business of the morning was resumed, viz: the consideration of the overture, No. 16, which was committed to Dr. Miller, Dr. Hoge, Dr. Edgar, Mr. D. Elliot, Mr. McElhenny, Mr. Stonestreet, and Mr. Banks.

Messrs. Darling, Leech and Gilbert were appointed a committee to take into consideration the expediency of erasing or altering the 17th and 18th rules printed in the appendix of the Confession of Faith for the government of judicatories.

Resolved, That this Assembly will celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper in the 1st Presbyterian Church in this city on next Sabbath at half past 3 o'clock. The designation of persons to officiate on this occasion was referred to the committee appointed to make arrangements for the religious exercises of Wednesday next.

Overture No. 12, praying the Assembly to take order on the subject of slavery, was taken up. The documents in the case, consisting of memorials and petitions from individuals and from two Presbyteries were read. This subject was then committed to Dr. Hoge, Mr. Gallaher, Dr. Cleland, Mr. J. D. Williamson and Mr. Thomas Elmes.

The committee to make arrangements for the religious exercises of Wednesday next, to whom also was referred the designation of persons to conduct the services on next Sabbath afternoon, made the following report, which was adopted, viz. For the exercises of Wednesday:

1. A psalm or hymn and a statement of the object of the meeting by the Moderator. 2. Prayer by Dr. Beman. 3. Reading a portion of Scripture by Dr. Blythe. 4. Prayer and a psalm or hymn by Dr. Cummins. 5. Exhortation by Dr. Cuyler. 6. Prayer by Mr. Witherspoon. 7. Reading the Scripture by Dr. Hill. 8. Exhortation by Mr. Scales. 9. Prayer, doxology and benediction by Dr. Miller.

For the celebration of the Lord's Supper:

1. Psalm or hymn and prayer by Dr. Hillyer. 2. Introductory address by Dr. Hoge. 3. Consecration and distribution of the elements by Rev. R. Stewart. 4. An address to the communicants by Dr. Fisher. 5. Concluding prayer, hymn and benediction by Rev. Seneca White.

The complaint of Mr. Bradford against a decision of the Second Presbytery of Philadelphia was made the order of the day for Friday morning next, at 9 o'clock.

Overture No. 8, being a petition from the church of Vevay, and another from the church of Port William to be detached from their respective Presbyteries, and connected with the Presbytery of Madison, was taken up. The documents were read, and the requests were granted.

Messrs. Symington, Lenox and Haines were appointed a committee to examine the accounts of the Treasurer of the Trustees of the Assembly, and report on the same.

Resolved, That the Treasurers of the Boards of Missions and Education be directed to present to this Assembly their accounts current for the last year.

The committee on the rules 17th and 18th for the government of judicatories, made their report, which was discussed at some length, when the Assembly adjourned to meet for business to-morrow afternoon, at 3 o'clock P. M. Concluded with prayer.

Wednesday, May 27, 3 *o'clock, P. M.*

The Assembly met for business and was opened with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The morning was spent in public religious exercises, agreeably to the report of the committee of arrangements. Agreeably to the order of the day, the Assembly proceeded to the election of members of the Board of Missions. Messrs. A. O. Patterson and S. C. Brown were appointed a committee to receive and count the ballots, and report the result to the Assembly.

The Assembly resumed the unfinished business of yesterday, viz: the consideration of the report of the committee on the 17th and 18th rules for judicatories. The report was amended and adopted, and is as follows: viz. That the 17th rule remain as it now stands, and that the 18th be so altered as to read thus: "If the previous question be decided in the affirmative, the main question shall be immediately put without debate; if in the negative, the debate may proceed."

The Rev. Henry R. Weed, Eliakim Phelps, Sylvester Eaton, Ashbel Green, D. D., Robert Steel, Wm. L. McCalla, S. G. Winchester, and John Matthews, D. D., were appointed members of the Board of Education for one year from this date, to be added to the second class—that being by the present provisions of the constitution too small by eight members.

Nominations were made to supply the vacancies in the Board of Education.

The committee appointed to count the votes for persons to supply the vacancies in the Board of Missions reported, when it appeared that the following are elected for four years, viz:

Ministers—Dr. Miller, Dr. Magraw, Dr. Herron, Dr. Brown, Wm. M. Engles, Nicholas Murray, Dr. Nevins, Elisha Macurdy, A. O. Patterson, C. C. Beatty. *Elders*—Solomon Allen, James Lenox, Samuel Boyd, Theodore Frelinghuysen, Wm. Kirkpatrick, Wm. Nassau, Senr.

A request in writing from the Secretary of the General Assembly's Board of Missions was presented to the Assembly, asking direction, as to what the Assembly desired him to do, in reference to obtaining a more detailed report from the Treasurer of the Board, in reference to the several items of expenditure, when it was on motion resolved, that the Boards of Education and Missions be directed to publish in their respective reports, a detailed account of the several items of expenditure, during the year.

The motion that was laid upon the table on Friday last, viz: That it is expedient for this General Assembly to choose a new Stated Clerk, was taken up, and discussed at considerable length, when the Assembly adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Thursday morning, May 28, 9 *o'clock.*

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The Trustees of the Theological Seminary at Princeton made their tenth annual report, which was accepted and ordered to be printed in the appendix to the minutes. The committee appointed by the last General Assembly on the funds of the Theological Seminary at Princeton submitted their report, which was read and accepted, and referred to a committee consisting of Messrs. Snowden, Winchester and Lenox.

A letter was received and read from James Bayard, Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the General Assembly, informing the Assembly that a seat in

the Board of Trustees is vacated by the death of Rev. George S. Woodhull; whereupon the Rev. C. C. Cuyler, D. D. was appointed a Trustee of the General Assembly in the place of Mr. Woodhull.

The committee of bills and overtures reported two additional papers to overture No. 16, which were referred to the committee on that overture.

They also reported overture No. 23, which was put upon the docket.

The committee on the records of the Synods of Cincinnati, North Carolina and Indiana made their reports respectively, and the records were approved.

The committee appointed to examine the account of the treasurer of the Trustees of the General Assembly reported, and their report was accepted and adopted, and is as follows; viz. The committee find by reference to the Treasurer's book that the duty has been already performed in the usual manner. They there find a certificate of its correctness, dated May 1, 1835, signed John Stille, and M. L. Bevan, a committee of the Board of Trustees of the General Assembly, and recommend the reading of this certificate to the Assembly, as it will show how their funds are invested.

Overtures Nos. 5, 13, 15 and 18 were taken up, and referred to the committee on Overture No. 16.

Overture No. 21, was taken up and read, and referred to Dr. Hill, Mr. Hardy and Mr. Haines.

The committees on the records of the Synods of Michigan and Ohio reported respectively, and the records were approved.

The committee on the records of the Synods of West Tennessee, Mississippi and South Alabama, Albany, Tennessee and Illinois reported that these records respectively have not been put into their hands. The committees were discharged.

The unfinished business of yesterday afternoon was resumed, viz:—the motion that it is expedient for this Assembly to choose a new Stated Clerk. The question was discussed at considerable length, when a motion was made indefinitely to postpone the whole subject. This also was discussed at length, when the previous question was called for, and being decided in the affirmative, the main question was put in the following words—"*Resolved*, that it is expedient for this General Assembly to choose a new Stated Clerk." The vote was taken by yeas and nays, and decided as follows:

YEAS—Savage, Burrows, McPherson, Brooks, Krebs, Lenox, Fenn, Cummins, Houston, J. Green, Owen, Webster, Janeway, Miller, Studdiford, Voorhees, Wynkoop, G. Junkin, Gray, McKeen, G. R. King, Shanon, Latta, Winchester, Symington, Fahnestock, Cuyler, Magraw, J. N. C. Grier, J. Wilson, R. Ralston, Breckinridge, A. George, Moody, McKinley, R. Elliot, J. King, S. Hill, Banks, J. H. Grier, Ferguson, Munson, B. Junkin, Patterson, H. Campbell, S. Ralston, Leake, Kiddoo, Denniston, C. C. Beatty, Dunlap, D. Elliot, Craig, Dilworth, Smith, T. Davis, D. Johnston, Entreken, W. Hughes, Ewalt, Culbertson, Thompson, Snodgrass, S. Coe, Dickey, Cook, J. Coe, Burrowes, T. E. Hughes, Swan, Blythe, Alexander, Bell, H. Robinson, Monfort, Hendricks, J. Matthews, Ramsey, Rice, Carr, R. Stewart, Stonestreet, Pegram, Arnell, Edgar, McEwen, H. Wilson, Dixon, Leslie, J. Le R. Davies, T. Smith, Witherspoon, D. George, Potts, T. Alexander, Hazard, Adams, McMullin. —98.

NAYS—Barstow, D. Campbell, Doolittle, Beman, J. H. Noble, Bliss, J. N. Campbell, Waterbury, Day, T. M. Smith, Edwards, Boardman, Stone, Garrison, Burrit, Winchel, Storrs, Fuller, Phelps, Catlin, Crittenden, O. Green, S. S. Smith, McVicker, Axtell, McCullough, Collier, E. D. Wells, Rubb, Benton, Kirtland, Gould, S. C. Brown, Wisner, Lyons, Ward, Edson, Reed, Beardslee, Orton, Rogers, Starr, Spicer, A. S. Allen, Rowland, Patton, White, Haines, C. Starr, Price, Pillsbury, Hillyer, Fisher, Woodruff, Jackson, Magie, Townley,

Little, Babbit, I. Snowden, M. Noble, Vowel, Barnes, Darling, Elmes, Gilbert, Alrichs, Alex. Campbell, T. Anderson, McCord, Cowles, Hanford, Stowell, Judson, J. Boyd, McIlvaine, Keep, Eels, Whitacre, Ruple, Hoge, Howe, Cutler, Gallaher, Rankin, Fairbank, T. D. Mitchell, Jenny, Kerr, Foster, Hardy, Wright, Porter, W. M. Stewart, J. C. Campbell, Hatfield, Cleland, Youse, A. Todd, Preston, W. Matthews, S. D. Williamson, W. Hill, Leach, Bondurant, Page, McIlhenney, Ruffner, Reynolds, Burwell, M. Osborn, A. Wilson, J. W. Douglass, H. G. Beatty, Silliman, Eagleton, Brown, Hood, Newton, N. A. Pratt, Stratton, O. C. Thompson, S. C. Wells, A. S. Wells. —124.

Messrs. McMasters and McIntyre were excused from voting.

Adjourned to meet this afternoon at 3 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Thursday afternoon, 3 o'clock.

The Assembly met and was opened with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The committee of Commissions reported as a member, Rev. Samuel K. Sneed, from the Presbytery of Salem.

Overture No. 17, relative to determining the southern boundary of the Synod of Pittsburgh, and overture No. 19, being a request from the Synod of Virginia for the erection of a new Presbytery, were taken up and read, and referred to a committee consisting of W. Matthews, C. C. Beatty, and T. C. Alrichs.

The committee appointed to examine the records of the Synod of Geneva, reported; and the book was approved with the following exceptions, viz: At the constitution of the Synod, recorded on page 561 and 562, the absentees are recorded before the minute of constitution, which ought of course to have been the first minute recorded. And on page 571, a complaint against a decision of a Presbytery which is not named, is there represented as having been sustained, and the decision of the Presbytery reversed, without stating the nature of the complaint, or the grounds of the Synod's reversal. This your committee regard as a defective minute.

Overture No. 6 was taken up, viz: Requests from several Presbyteries, that the 6th Section of Chapter 14, of our Form of Government might be sent down to the Presbyteries, to be so altered as to read—"to study theology at least *three* years, &c." The overtures were read. And it was resolved that the proposed alteration be sent down as an Overture to the Presbyteries; and that the Presbyteries be required to send up their answer to this overture, in writing, to the next General Assembly.

Mr. Solomon Allen presented his report to the Assembly, as their agent in publishing the book of Psalms and Hymns, which was approved, and ordered to be printed in the appendix to the minutes.

Overture No. 2, containing an application from the congregation of New Castle, to be transferred from the Synod of Delaware to the Synod of Philadelphia, was taken up. The documents were read, and the subject was referred to a committee, consisting of N. S. Rice, M. Osborne, and G. Newton.

Overture No. 4, being an application from the Synod of Virginia, and from the Presbytery of East Hanover, to the General Assembly, to take order on the subject of supplying the world with the Bible within some definite short period, was taken up and read; and the subject was committed to Messrs. Breckinridge, White, and Starr.

Overture No. 10, viz: A request from the Presbytery of Baltimore, that the Assembly would take order on the subject of the corruptions of the Romish Church, and the duty of the Presbyterian Church in relation to that subject, was taken up and read. And the subject was referred to Messrs. Dickson, Hatfield, Arnell, Potts, T. Alexander, McMullin, and McEwen.

Overture No. 9, proposing a question concerning ministers without pastoral charge, was taken up and read, and committed to Messrs. Monfort, Dilworth, J. Coe, Stonestreet, and H. Robinson.

Overture No. 7, being a request from the Synod of Ohio, that the Presbyteries be required to pay for their minutes in advance, was taken up, and read, and committed to Messrs. T. Davis, Snowden, and Fenn. To the same committee was referred the whole subject of the Contingent Funds of the Assembly.

Overture No. 13, being a proposition from the Presbytery of West Lexington and Louisville, to the Assembly, to authorize them to prosecute ministers of other Presbyteries who may preach heresy within their bounds, was taken up and read. Whereupon, it was resolved that the Constitution in sections 2, 3, or 4, of Chap. 5, of the Book of Discipline, contains sufficient provision on the subject overtured.

The committee to whom was referred overture No. 3 reported, and the report was discussed at considerable length, when the Assembly adjourned to meet to-to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Friday morning, 9 o'clock, May 29.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The committee on the records of the Synod of Delaware and Utica reported, and the records were approved.

A memorial on the subject of slavery, signed by 198 persons, was presented to the Assembly, and referred to the committtee on overture No. 12.

The Assembly took up the order of the day, viz: the appeal and complaint of Thomas Bradford, Esq., and others, against a decision of the Second Presbytery of Philadelphia.

The Moderator read the rule, calling the members to recollect their high character, as judges of a Court of Jesus Christ, and the solemn duty in which they are now to engage.

The decisions of the Presbytery appealed from and complained of, the reasons of the appellants for their appeal and complaint, and the whole proceedings of the Presbytery in the case were read. The appellants were then heard; after which the further consideration of the subject was suspended, by consent, to take up other business.

The stated clerk reported to the Assembly in regard to the overture sent down by the last two Assemblies to the Presbyteries, relative to the calling of special meetings of a Synod—that there are 123 Presbyteries under the care of the Assembly—that 62 are necessary for a majority—that, to the last Assembly eleven, and to this Assembly six, in all 17 Presbyteries have sent up their vote rejecting the proposed alteration;—that to the last Assembly 38, and to this Assembly 6, in all, 44 Presbyteries have voted in favour of the proposed alteration. There being therefore not a constitutional number of Presbyteries voting for the alteration, the article in question remains as it is.

The Assembly proceeded to the election of Directors of the Board of Education, and Messrs. Davies and A. Campbell, were appointed to receive and count the votes, and report the result to the Assembly.

Nominations were made to fill the vacancies in the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary at Princeton. The election was made the order of the day for Monday morning next.

The committee to whom was referred the report of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary at Princeton, reported, and their report was put upon the docket.

The Assembly adjourned to meet this afternoon at 3 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Friday afternoon, 3 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The committee on Commissions reported the following additional members, viz: Rev. William Chamberlain, and Mr. James Elliott, a ruling elder, from the Presbytery of North Alabama.

The committee on leave of absence reported that they had given leave to Messrs. Collier and Bliss.

The committee appointed to count the votes for Directors of the Board of Education, made their report, when it appeared that the following persons were elected for four years, viz: Ministers—James Blythe, D. D., John Witherspoon, David Magie, Philip Lindsley, D. D., George Potts, R. J. Breckinridge, J. W. Alexander, S. D. Blythe, Wm. W. Phillips, D. D., and Wm. L. Dinwiddie. Elders—Aristarchus Champion, M. L. Bevan, John McMullin, Thomas McKeen, Wm. S. Ridgely, Frederick V. King, and George Sharswood.

The committee on the records of the Synod of Genessee reported, and the records were approved.

The Assembly resumed the unfinished business of the morning. The Presbytery was heard, and the appellants replied in part, when the Assembly adjourned to meet to-morrow morning, at half-past 8 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Saturday morning, half-past 8 o'clock, May 30.

The Assembly met and was opened with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The committee to whom was referred overture No. 21 reported, and their report was accepted. A motion was then made to adopt the report, the consideration of which was postponed, to take up the unfinished business of yesterday afternoon.

This business was then resumed.

The appellants concluded their reply to the Presbytery. And the Presbytery replied in explanation of their former remarks. The parties were then considered as withdrawn from the house. The roll was called to give each member an opportunity to express his opinion. Some progress was made in this business, when the Assembly adjourned to meet on Monday morning, at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Monday morniny, 9 o'clock, June 1.

The Assembly met and was opened with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The sacrament of the Lord's Supper was celebrated yesterday afternoon, agreeably to the report of the committee of arrangements.

The committee on leave of absence reported, that they had given leave to Mr. Darling and S. Wells.

The committee on milage reported, that there had been paid into the commissioners' fund, by fifty Presbyteries, the sum of $1904 58; and the number of miles that will be travelled by commissioners from forty-six Presbyteries attending the sessions of the General Assembly, who are entitled to the benefit of the fund, is 85,128, which, at 2 cents 2¼ mills per mile, amounts to $1894 09, leaving a balance of $10 49 in the hands of your treasurer, as appears by the annexed memorandum of the apportionment of the fund.

The report of the committee was adopted. Ordered, that the Trustees of the Assembly issue a warrant on the Treasurer for $1894 09, to be paid to the commissioners out of the commissioners' fund, agreeably to the apportionment of the committee of milage.

Dr. John Robinson was appointed on the committee of the Synod of North Carolina for publishing the constitution, in the place of Dr. Caldwell, deceased.

The Assembly resumed the unfinished business of Saturday.

The calling of the roll was continued, and some progress made therein, when the Assembly adjourned to meet this afternoon at half-past 2 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Monday afternoon, half-past 2 *o'clock.*

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The unfinished business of the morning was resumed, viz: The appeal and complaint of Thomas Bradford, Esq., and others, against a decision of the Second Presbytery of Philadelphia, dividing the Fifth Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia into two churches.

The calling of the roll was finished, when the final vote was taken. The question was put, "Shall the appeal and complaint be sustained?" and was carried in the affirmative.

Whereupon it is ordered and decreed by this General Assembly, that the act and decision of the Second Presbytery of Philadelphia, which divides the Fifth Presbyterian Church of the city of Philadelphia into two distinct churches, be and the same is hereby reversed; and the said Presbytery is hereby directed to restore to the session of said church the book of minutes of said session.

The committee of bills and overtures reported overture No. 24, which was put upon the docket.

The committee to whom was referred overture No. 11, on the observance of the Sabbath, made their report, which was accepted, and ordered to be put upon the docket.

The committee to whom was referred overture No. 16 made their report, which was put upon the docket, and the consideration of it was made the order of the day for to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

The Assembly proceeded to the election of Directors of the Theological Seminary at Princeton. Messrs. Krebs and Pratt were appointed a committee to receive and count the votes, and report the result to the Assembly.

The committee appointed to examine the records of the Synods of New York and Pittsburgh reported respectively, and the records were approved.

The Directors of the Western Theological Seminary made their annual report, which was accepted, and referred to a committee consisting of Dr. Magraw, Messrs. Potts and Leslie. Nominations were made for delegates to attend corresponding bodies; and the election was made the order of the day for to-morrow morning.

The committee to whom was referred overture No. 12, on the subject of slavery, made their report, which was put upon the docket.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at half-past 8 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Tuesday morning, half-past 8 *o'clock, June* 2.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The committee on leave of absence reported that they had given leave to Messrs. Jackson, Spicer, and A. S. Allen.

The committee on overture No. 10, on the subject of popery in the United States made their report, which, after some discussion, was recommitted to the same committee, with the addition of Messrs. Breckinridge and N. L. Rice.

The committee appointed to count the votes for Directors of the Theological Seminary reported, when it appeared that the following persons were elected for three years, viz:—*Ministers*—Dr. Hillyer, Dr. Nevins, Dr. McCartee, Dr. Phil-

lips, John Breckinridge, John Johnson, and Henry A. Boardman. *Elders*—Alexander Henry, Moses Allen, and James Lenox.

The Assembly proceeded, agreeably to the order of the day, to elect Delegates to foreign bodies. The ballots were taken and committed to Messrs. Gilbert and Webster to count them, and report the result to the Assembly.

Resolved, That the corresponding secretary of the Board of Education, when presenting the next annual report, submit for the inspection of the Assembly a complete list of the names of the Beneficiaries to whom appropriations have been made during the year; also the amount paid to each, and whether by the Board directly or by a Presbytery, or Auxiliary Society; also the institutions at which the young men have pursued their studies; it being understood that the same is not to be published.

The committee appointed to count the votes for delegates to Corresponding Bodies, made a report, when it appeared that the following persons are duly elected, viz: Rev. Baxter Dickinson, Rev. Joseph Treat, and Rev. John Woodbridge, D. D., to attend the General Association of Connecticut.

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Rev. John Woodbridge, D. D. to attend the Evangelical Association of Rhode Island, and the General Conference of Maine.

Rev. Ebenezer Cheever to attend the General Association of New Hampshire, and the General Convention of Vermont; and the Rev. David Monfort to be his alternate; the Rev. John McDowell, D. D. and Mr. Alexander Henry, elder, to attend the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church.

Rev. Absalom Peters, D. D. and Rev. Robert Steel to attend the Synod of the German Reformed Church.

And Rev. Nathan S. S. Beman, D. D. and Rev. R. J. Breckinridge to attend the Congregational Union of England and Wales. Rev. Wm. Patton was appointed first alternate to either of these Delegates who may fail, and Rev. Wm. B. Sprague, D. D. second alternate.

The Assembly took up the order of the day, viz. the report of the committee on Overture No. 16. After some discussion, the Assembly adjourned to meet this afternoon at half past 2 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Tuesday afternoon, half-past 2 *o'clock.*

The Assembly met and was opened with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The Assembly resumed the unfinished business of the morning, viz. the consideration of the report of the committee on Overture, No. 16. The discussion was continued, till the Assembly adjourned to meet to-morrow morning, at half-past 8 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Wednesday morning, half-past 8 *o'clock, June* 3.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The committee on leave of absence reported that they had given leave to Messrs. Lyon, Douglass, Fairbank and A. F. Rankin.

The committee to whom was referred the communication from the Trustees of the General Assembly requesting that they may pay the sum of $110, left in their hands in trust by the will of Mr. Lindsay, deceased, to aid in the conversion of the Jews, to the Rev. Jonathan Winchester to assist him in going to Judea, &c., beg leave to report, that they have carefully examined the subject submitted to them, and recommend to the Assembly not to grant the request. This report was accepted and adopted.

The Assembly resumed the unfinished business of yesterday afternoon, viz:

the consideration of the report of the committee on Overture No. 16. The discussion was continued on the first resolution of said report.

Adjourned to meet this afternoon at half-past 2 o'clock.

Wednesday afternoon, half-past 2 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

Overture No. 23 was taken up and committed to Messrs. Phelps, McKinley, and McEwen.

The committee appointed to examine the records of the Synod of the Western Reserve reported; and their report was put upon the docket.

The committee on the Report of the committee of the last General Assembly on the funds of the Theological Seminary at Princeton reported, that as far as they can ascertain at present, the income of the permanent funds of the Seminary will be near $5000, falling due in May, June and July, and in November, December and January; and that the Merchant's and Manufacturer's Bank of Pittsburgh lately made a dividend of $500, which wholly belongs to the Seminary.

The committee recommend that the efficient committee that was appointed last year by the Assembly on this subject be re-appointed with the same powers, and if they are as successful this year as they were the last, then the salaries will be fully paid, and all the debts discharged. This report was accepted and adopted.

The Assembly resumed the unfinished business of the morning. The discussion on the first resolution of the report was continued, and the question being put was carried by yeas and nays, as follows: Yeas, J. N. Campbell, McMasters, Savage, Winchell, Fuller, Abell, S. S. Smith, Burrows, Denoon, McPherson, Brooks, Ward, Krebs, Lenox, Fenn, Rowland, Cummins, Houston, J. Green, Owen, Pillsbury, Webster, Hillyer, Fisher, Magie, Townley, Little, Miller, Studdiford, Voorhees, Wynkoop, G. Junkin, Gray, McKeen, G. R. King, Sharon, Latta, Winchester, Symington, Fahnestock, Cuyler, Magraw, J. N. C. Grier, J. Wilson, R. Ralston, J. Breckinridge, A. George, Moody, McKinley, R. Elliot, J. King, S. Hill, Banks, J. H. Grier, Ferguson, Munson, B. Junkin, Patterson, H. Campbell, S. Ralston, Leake, Kiddoo, Dennistoun, C. C. Beatty, Dunlap, D. Elliot, Craig, Dilworth, A. Smith, T. Davis, Johnson, Hoge, Entreken, Wm. Hughes, Ewalt, Culbertson, J. Thompson, Snodgrass, S. Coe, Dickey, J. Coe, Burrows, T. E. Hughes, Swan, Sneed, Blythe, V. King, S. R. Alexander, Dayhoof, Bell, Robinson, Monfort, Hendricks, J. Matthews, Ramsey, W. M. Stewart, Rice, J. Carr, Cleland, R. Stewart, Stonestreet, Todd, Preston, S. D. Williamson, McElhenny, Ruffner, Reynolds, Burwell, Pegram, Osborne, A. Wilson, Silliman, McIntyre, Arnell, J. Elliot, Edgar, McEwen, H. Wilson, Dickson, Leslie, J. L. R. Davies, T. Smith, Witherspoon, D. George, Pratt, Potts, T. Alexander, Hazard, J. B. Adams, McMullin.—130.

Nays—Doolittle, Beman, J. H. Noble, Waterbury, T. M. Smith, Edwards, Boardman, Garrison, Burrit, Storrs, Phelps, Catlin, Crittenden, O. Green, Axtell, McCullough, E. D. Wells, Rudd, Benton, Kirtland, Gould, S. C. Brown, Wisner, Reed, Beardslee, Orton, Rogers, S. Starr, Allen, Patton, H. White, Haines, C. Starr, Price, Woodruff, Babbit, M. Noble, Vowel, Ely, Barnes, Elmes, Gilbert, Alrichs, A. Campbell, T. Anderson, McChord, Cowles, Stowell, Judson, Boyd, McIlvaine, Keep, Eells, Whitacre, Ruple, Howe, Cutler, Gallaher, Jenny, Kerr, Foster, Hardy, Wright, Porter, J. C. Campbell, Hatfield, Wm. Hill, Leach, Bondurant, Page, H. G. Beatty, Eagleton, T. Brown, Hood, Newton, Chamberlain, O. C. Thompson, A. S. Wells.—78.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at half-past 8 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Thursday morning, half-past 8 o'clock, June 4.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The committee on leave of absence reported that they had given leave to Messrs. Price, T. M. Smith, Day, Barstow, Cowles, Garrison, Stowell, J. H. Noble, Cutler, Howe, Janeway, Waterbury, Reed, Judson, Wisner, Keep, Boyd, Edwards, Rudd, E. D. Wells, Whitaker, Catlin, Woodruff, O. Green, Gould, Crittenden, Benton, Little, S. Starr, Babbit, and Kirtland.

The unfinished business of yesterday was postponed to take up the reports of the committees on the reports of the Directors of the Western Theological Seminary, and of the Seminary at Princeton.

The committee to whom was referred the report of the Western Theological Seminary made their report, which was accepted and adopted, and is as follows, viz :—

The committee have carefully examined said report, and recommend that it be approved and published in the appendix to the minutes of the Assembly; and they further recommend the following resolutions, viz :—

1. That the Assembly view with lively interest the condition of this infant and rising institution, and recommend to the Board of Directors to take measures immediately to complete the buildings, and provide for the Professorships in said institution.

2. That the Assembly recommend to the churches under their care to aid the Board of Directors, by their contributions, to carry the foregoing resolution into effect.

3. That agreeably to the request of the Board, a Professor of Ecclesiastical History and Church Government be appointed by this General Assembly, and that the Professorship of Biblical Criticism and Oriental Literature be occupied for the coming year, as at present.

4. That the sum of $6000 be appropriated toward the completion of the building, and the salary of the Professors.

The report of the committee on the annual report of the Directors of the Theological Seminary at Princeton was taken up. After some discussion the report was adopted, and is as follows:

The committee to whom was referred the report of the Directors of the Theological Seminary at Princeton have much satisfaction in contemplating the prosperous condition of that most important institution; and they fully approve the suggestions of the Board of Directors, respecting the appointment of additional Professors. They therefore recommend to the Assembly the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That it is expedient to appoint at this time a Professor of Pastoral Theology, agreeably to a resolution of the General Assembly of 1830, with a salary of eighteen hundred dollars per annum; and that the election be the order of the day for Saturday morning next, at 10 o'clock.

2. *Resolved*, That there be appointed an Associate Professor of Oriental and Biblical Literature, with a salary of one thousand dollars per annum; and that such Professor shall be elected at the same time as the Professor of Pastoral Theology, as above directed.

3. *Resolved*, That the annual report of the Board of Directors be published in the appendix to the minutes of the Assembly.

Upon the adoption of these reports, and in reference to the resolutions contained in them, to proceed to the choice of new Professors in these Seminaries, the Assembly engaged in special prayer to God for direction in that matter.

The Assembly resumed the unfinished business of yesterday, viz: the consideration of the report of the committee on overture No. 16.

The second resolution of that report was discussed at some length, when the Assembly adjourned to meet this afternoon at half-past 2 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Thursday afternoon, half-past 2 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

Messrs. Winchester, Moody, and Pegram, were appointed a committee to examine the records of the Synod of Mississippi and South Alabama.

The Assembly resumed the unfinished business of the morning, viz: the consideration of the second resolution of the report on overture No. 16. After considerable discussion the question was taken and carried in the affirmative.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at half-past 8 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Friday morning, June 5th, half-past 8 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The committee on leave of absence reported, that they had given leave to Messrs. Stone, Gilbert, Rowland, C. Starr, Abell, J. Wilson, Bondurant, Doolittle, A. Wilson, Barnes, H. White, J. C. Campbell, S. R. Alexander, M'Intyre, Thompson, Haines, Brewster, Alrichs, Pratt, Savage, Brooks, G. R. King, and Stonestreet.

The committee appointed on overture No. 23, viz: an application to the Assembly from the Presbytery of Sangamon, to determine the qualification of those who may vote for a pastor, made their report, which was accepted; and after some discussion the subject of the report was indefinitely postponed.

The committee of bills and overtures reported overtures Nos. 25 and 26, which were entered upon the docket.

The committee on overtures Nos. 17 and 19 made their report, which was accepted and adopted, and is as follows, viz:

1. In relation to overture No. 17, from the Synod of Pittsburgh, asking the Assembly to fix the southern boundary of said Synod, *Resolved*, That as the Synod of Virginia is concerned in this business, and has not been consulted, therefore it be sent down to the Synod of Virginia for their action.

2. Overture No. 19, from the Synod of Virginia, in relation to the formation of a new Presbytery, west of the Allegheny mountains—*Resolved*, That it is not advisable at the present time, and under present circumstances, for the Assembly to organize the proposed new Presbytery, on the ground that the ministers and churches within the limits of the proposed new Presbytery are almost unanimously opposed to such organization.

The committee appointed to examine the records of the Synod of Kentucky reported, and their records were approved.

Resolved, That it be the order of the day immediately after the opening of the session this afternoon, to hear the Narrative of the state of religion.

The Assembly resumed the unfinished business of yesterday, viz: the consideration of the report on overture No. 16. The third resolution of that report, after some discussion was adopted. The fourth resolution was discussed at some length, when the Assembly adjourned to meet this afternoon at half-past two o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Friday afternoon, half-past two o'clock.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The order of the day was postponed to take up the unfinished business of the morning.

The fourth resolution of the report was postponed to take up a substitute, which being read and discussed was adopted.

Dr. Cuyler, one of the commissioners from the Second Presbytery (Synodical) of Philadelphia, asked leave to withdraw from the further consideration of the Assembly, the memorial relative to the Fair Mount Church; also the documents relative to the forming of new congregations by the Assembly's Second Presbytery of Philadelphia. This request was granted.

The fifth resolution of the report was then discussed at some length, when the Assembly adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Saturday morning, June 6, 8 *o'clock.*

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The stated clerk reported, that he had received from the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign missions, two hundred copies of their annual report, which he was ordered to distribute among the members of the Assembly.

The committee appointed to examine the records of the Synod of Philadelphia reported, and their report was accepted and put upon the docket.

The committee on the records of the Synod of South Carolina and Georgia reported, and the records were approved.

The committee to whom was referred overture No. 4, relative to supplying the world with Bibles, reported; and their report was accepted and adopted, and is as follows:

The committee recommend the following resolutions for the adoption of the Assembly, viz:

1. It is the duty of the people of God to give the Bible to every family and dweller upon earth, in the earliest period of time in which it is possible to do it.

2. *Resolved*, That in the judgment of the General Assembly, the church of Christ is, under God, *able* to give the word of God in a comparatively short time, and much shorter than is ordinarily supposed—to the whole world; and that from the peculiar position and resources of the American, and especially of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, our responsibility in this momentous service, is beyond all other people, great and pressing.

3. *Resolved*, That inasmuch as the fixing of a definite period, has some important benefits connected with it, and, as in the judgment of the General Assembly, the period agreed upon is sufficiently long, it be recommended to all the churches under the care of this Assembly, and respectfully proposed to all the sister churches in correspondence with our own, to follow the noble example, and unite in the important resolution of the Society of Virginia, viz: to endeavour to give the Bible to the whole world, in a period of not more than twenty years.

4. *Resolved*, That it be recommended to the ministers and churches under the supervision of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, and the churches in correspondence with the same, to observe the first Monday in January, 1836, as a day of humiliation, fasting and prayer, for the divine blessing on the ministry of the Gospel throughout the world, for the revival of religion in the whole of Christendom, and for the entire success of those benevolent enterprises, which have for their object the world's conversion to God.

5. *Resolved*, That other denominations of Christians in the United States, and the Christian churches in all other countries, be and they hereby are affectionately, and with Christian salutations, invited to concur in the observance of the day above specified.

6. *Resolved*, That these resolutions be published with the signatures of the

Moderator and Clerk of the General Assembly, for the information of such Synods, Assemblies, Associations, Conferences, Conventions, and other Ecclesiastical Bodies as may choose to recommend the above observance to the churches under their care. And may grace, mercy, and peace, be multiplied to all throughout the world, who love our Lord Jesus Christ.

The committee to whom was re-committed overture No. 10, on the subject of Popery in the United States reported, and their report was put upon the docket.

The Assembly resumed the unfinished business of yesterday, viz: the consideration of the report of the committee on overture No. 16. The fifth general resolution of the report was discussed and adopted.

The discussion then proceeded upon the sixth general resolution. After some time, this discussion was suspended to take up the order of the day, viz: the election of Professors of the Theological Seminary at Princeton, and of the Western Theological Seminary.

The ballots were first taken for a Professor of Pastoral Theology in the Theological Seminary at Princeton, and committed to Messrs. Davies and Sneed, to count them, and report the result to the Assembly.

The ballots were then taken up for an Associate Professor of Oriental and Biblical Literature in the same Seminary, and committed to Messrs. Beatty and Rice to count them, and report the result to the Assembly.

The ballots were then taken for a Professor of Ecclesiastical History and Church Government in the Western Theological Seminary, and committed to Messrs. Osborne and McMullin, to count them, and report the result to the Assembly.

Nominations were made to fill the vacancies in the Board of Directors of the Western Theological Seminary.

The election was made the order of the day for this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

The consideration of the report on overture No. 16 was resumed. The sixth general resolution being under discussion, the consideration of it was postponed to take up a substitute, which being read and discussed, was adopted. The seventh and eighth general resolutions of the report were then adopted. The preamble was adopted. The question was then taken on the whole report as amended, which was adopted, and is as follows:

The committee to whom was referred the memorial and petition of a number of ministers and ruling elders of the Presbyterian church, and certain other papers relating to the same or allied subjects, beg leave to report,

That they have endeavoured to deliberate on the said memorial and petition, and other papers committed to them, with all that respect which the character of those from whom they come could not fail to inspire; and with all the calmness, impartiality and solemnity which the deep importance of the subjects on which they have addressed the Assembly, so manifestly demands.

In approaching the consideration of these weighty subjects, the committee deemed it to be an obvious duty to exclude from their view, all those principles which result from the wishes or plans of different parties in the church, and to take for their guide simply the word of God, which we consider the only infallible rule of faith and practice; and those public formularies by which we have solemnly agreed and stipulated with each other, to be governed in all our proceedings. The moment we depart from these, we are not only exposed to all the evils of discord, but also run the risk of destroying those bonds of union by which we have been so long bound together as an ecclesiastical body. There is certainly no portion of the visible church in which a harmonious accordance with the same adopted formularies, and a uniform submission to the same rules of truth and order, are so essential to the maintenance of ecclesiastical peace, and to cordial co-operation in promoting these great purposes for which the church was founded by her King and Head, as among the churches of our de-

nomination. The committee, indeed, by no means expect, and do not suppose, that the Assembly would think of enforcing that perfect agreement of views in every minute particular which, in a body so extended as the Presbyterian church, has perhaps never been realized. But that an entire and cordial agreement in all the radical principles of that system of truth and order which is taught in the holy Scriptures, which is embodied in our Confession of Faith and Form of Government, and which every minister and elder of the Presbyterian church has solemnly subscribed and promised to maintain, may not only be reasonably expected, but must be, as far as possible, secured, if we would maintain the "unity of the Spirit" in the bonds of peace and love—it is presumed this General Assembly will be unanimous in pronouncing. If this be not so, it is in vain that we assemble from year to year; in vain that we hope for intercourse either pleasant or edifying. Our judicatories must be scenes of discord and conflict, and the ties which bind the several parts of our extended body to each other, can scarcely fail of being ties to strife and contention.

Under convictions which these general principles are adapted to impress, the committee most deeply feel the importance of some of the conclusions to which they are constrained to come; and although some of these conclusions are at variance with several acts of the last General Assembly, yet they cannot doubt that they make an essential part of the Presbyterian system; and of course cannot be abandoned without seriously endangering both the comfort and the safety of our beloved church.

The committee therefore, as the result of their deliberations on the documents committed to them, would most respectfully recommend to the Assembly the adoption of the following resolutions, viz.

1. *Resolved*, That in the judgment of this General Assembly, it is the right of every Presbytery to be entirely satisfied of the soundness in the faith, and the good character in every respect, of those ministers who apply to be admitted into the Presbytery as members, and who bring testimonials of good standing from sister Presbyteries, or from foreign bodies with whom the Presbyterian church is in correspondence. And if there be any reasonable doubt respecting the proper qualifications of such candidates, notwithstanding their testimonials, it is the right, and may be the duty of such a Presbytery to examine them, or to take such other methods of being satisfied in regard to their suitable character as may be judged proper; and if such satisfaction be not obtained, to decline receiving them. In such case it shall be the duty of the Presbytery rejecting the applicant to make known what it has done to the Presbytery from which he came, with its reasons. It being always understood that each Presbytery is, in this concern, as in all others, responsible for its acts to the higher judicatories.

2. *Resolved*, That in the judgment of this General Assembly, it is the right, and may be the duty, of any judicatory of our church, to take up, and if it see cause, to bear testimony against any printed publication which may be circulating within its bounds, and which, in the judgment of that Judicatory, may be adapted to inculcate injurious opinions: and this whether the author be living or dead—whether he be in the communion of our church or not—whether he be a member of the judicatory expressing the opinion, or of some other. A judicatory may be solemnly called upon to warn the churches under its care, and especially the rising generation, against an erroneous book, while the author may not be within their bounds, or immediately responsible at their bar; and while, even if he *were* thus responsible, and within their reach, they might not think it necessary to arraign him as a heretic. To deny our judicatories as guardians of the churches, this right would be to deny them one of the most precious and powerful means of bearing testimony against dangerous sentiments, and guarding the children of the church against "that in-

struction which causeth to err." The writer of such a book may reside at a distance from the neighbourhood in which his work is circulating, and supposed to be doing mischief, or he may be so situated that, even if it be proper to commence process against him, it may not be possible to commence, or, at any rate, to issue that process within a number of months. In the meanwhile, if the right in question be denied, this book may be scattering poison without the possibility of sending forth an effectual antidote. Indeed, it may be indispensably necessary, in cases which may easily be imagined, to send out such a warning, even though the author of the book were fully acquitted from the charge of heresy.

3. *Resolved*, That the erection of church courts, and especially of Presbyteries and Synods, on the principle of "elective affinity," that is, judicatories not bounded by geographical limits, but having a chief regard in their erection to diversities of doctrinal belief, and of ecclesiastical policy;—is contrary both to the letter and the spirit of our constitution; and opens a wide door for mischiefs and abuses of the most serious kind. One such Presbytery, if so disposed might, in process of time, fill the whole church with unsound and schismatic ministers, especially if the principle were adopted that regular testimonials must of course secure the admission of those who bore them into any other Presbytery. Such a Presbytery, moreover, being without geographical bounds, might enter the limits, and disturb the repose of any church into which it might think proper to intrude;—and thus divide churches, stir up strife, and promote party spirit and schism with all their deplorable consequences. Surely a plan of procedure in the church of God which naturally and almost unavoidably tends to produce effects such as these, ought to be frowned upon, and as soon as possible, terminated by the supreme judicatory of the church. Therefore,

4. *Resolved*, That at and after the meeting of the Synod of Philadelphia in October next, the Synod of Delaware shall be dissolved, and the Presbyteries constituting the same shall be then and thereafter annexed to the Synod of Philadelphia; and that the Synod of Philadelphia, thus constituted by the union aforesaid, shall take such order concerning the organization of its several Presbyteries as may be deemed expedient and constitutional; and that said Synod, if it shall deem it desirable, make application to the next General Assembly for such a division of the Synod as may best suit the convenience of all its Presbyteries, and promote the glory of God.

5. *Resolved*, That while this General Assembly fully appreciate and deeply deplore the many painful evils which result from the present division in our church, in respect to the method of conducting domestic missions, and the education of beneficiary candidates for the ministry; they are persuaded that it is not expedient to attempt to prohibit, within our bounds, the operation of the "Home Missionary Society," or of the "Presbyterian Education Society," or any other voluntary association not subject to our control. Such an attempt would tend, it is believed, to increase rather than to diminish the existing evils. The Assembly, however, is persuaded, that it is the first and binding duty of the Presbyterian Church to sustain her own Boards; and that voluntary associations, operating within the bosom of the Presbyterian Church, and addressing themselves to her members and congregations, are bound upon every principle both of moral and ecclesiastical obligation, neither to educate nor to send forth as Presbyterians any individuals known to hold sentiments contrary to the word of God, and to the standards of the Presbyterian Church.

6. *Resolved*, That this Assembly deem it no longer desirable that churches should be formed in our Presbyterian connection agreeably to the plan adopted by the Assembly and the General Association of Connecticut in 1801. Therefore *Resolved*, That our brethren of the General Association of Connecticut be

and they hereby are respectfully requested to consent that said plan shall be from and after the next meeting of that Association declared to be annulled. And resolved, that the annulling of said plan shall not in anywise interfere with the existence and lawful operations of churches which have been already formed on this plan.

7. *Resolved*, That this General Assembly see no cause either to terminate or modify the plan of correspondence with the Associations of our Congregational brethren in New England. That correspondence has been long established. It is believed to have been productive of mutual benefit. It is now divested of the voting power, which alone could be considered as infringing the constitution of our church by introducing persons clothed with the character of plenary members of the Assembly. It stands at present substantially on the same footing with the visits of our brethren from the Congregational Union of England and Wales; and in the present age of enlarged counsel and of combined effort for the conversion of the world, ought by no means to be abolished. Besides, the Assembly are persuaded, that amidst the unceasing and growing intercourse between the Presbyterian and Congregational Churches, it is desirable to have that intercourse regulated by compact, and of course, that it would be desirable to introduce terms of correspondence, even if they did not already exist.

8. *Resolved*, That while this General Assembly has no means of ascertaining to what extent the doctrinal errors alleged in the memorial to exist in our church do really prevail, it cannot hesitate to express the painful conviction that the allegation is by no means unfounded; and at the same time to condemn all such opinions, as not distinguishable from Pelagian or Arminian errors; and to declare their judgment that the holding of the opinions referred to is wholly incompatible with an honest adoption of our Confession of Faith. That this is the case will be doubted by none who impartially consider the statements of that Formulary contained in chap. vii. sect. 3d and 4th—chap. vii. sect. 2d—chap. viii., chap. ix., chap. x. sect. 1st and 2d., chap. xi. sect. 1st—which statements must of course be interpreted in their plain, obvious, and hitherto acknowledged sense. Against the doctrinal opinions, therefore, above alluded to, the Assembly would solemnly lift a warning voice; and would enjoin upon all our Presbyteries and Synods to exercise the utmost vigilance in guarding against the introduction and publication of such pestiferous errors.

The appeal of Mr. Shumway was made the order of the day for this afternoon, at 3 o'clock.

The several committees appointed to count the votes for Professors in our Theological Seminaries reported, when the Moderator announced that the Rev. John Breckinridge was elected Professor of Pastoral Theology in the Theological Seminary at Princeton, and Mr. Joseph Addison Alexander, Associate Professor of Oriental and Biblical Literature in the same Seminary; and that the Rev. David Elliot was elected Professor of Ecclesiastical History and Church Government in the Western Theological Seminary.

Dr. Cuyler and Mr. Krebs were appointed a committee to inform Mr. Breckinridge and Mr. Alexander of their election; and Dr. Magraw and Mr. Beatty were appointed a committee to inform Mr. Elliot of his election.

Adjourned to meet this afternoon at half-past 2 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Saturday afternoon, half-past 2 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

Overture No. 24, relative to Foreign Missions, was taken up and read, and committed to Messrs. Elliott, Magie, Witherspoon, Williamson, and Symington.

Overture No. 20, relative to a division of the Presbytery of Muhlenberg, was

taken up and read. After some remarks the overture was, by leave of the Assembly, withdrawn.

The Assembly proceeded to the election of Directors of the Western Theological Seminary. The ballots were taken and committed to Messrs. S. C. Brown and Osborne to count them, and report the result to the Assembly.

The order of the day, viz: An appeal by William H. Shumway, from a decision of the Synod of Utica, confirming a decision by which he was suspended from the church of Watertown, was taken up.

The sentence appealed from, the reasons assigned by the appellant for his appeal, the whole record of the proceedings of the inferior judicatories in the case, including all the testimony, and the reasons of their decision, were read. The parties were then heard, and the roll called to give every member an opportunity to express his opinion. After which the final vote was taken, by which the appeal of Mr. Shumway was dismissed, and the sentence of the session affirmed.

The committee appointed to count the votes for Directors of the Western Theological Seminary reported, when it appeared that the following persons were elected for three years, viz: *Ministers*—Samuel Ralston, D. D., Robert Johnston, Allan D. Campbell, Charles C. Beatty, Samuel McFarren, Loyal Young. *Elders*—Samuel Thompson, Benjamin Williamson, and Frederic Lorenz.

Rev. Wm. Neill, D. D., the delegate to the General Association of Connecticut, and the General Conference of Maine; Rev. Charles Phillips, the delegate to the General Associations of Massachusetts, Connecticut, and Rhode Island, Rev. Mark Tucker, D. D., the delegate to the General Association of New Hampshire and the General Convention of Vermont, and Dr. Herron, the delegate to the Reformed Dutch Church, made their reports, which were accepted.

The committee on the records of the Synod of Mississippi and South Alabama made their report, and the records were approved. The committee on Overture, No. 24, reported, and their report was accepted and adopted, and is as follows, viz:

The committee on the papers submitted to them in relation to the Western Foreign Missionary Society recommend the adoption of the following resolutions, viz:

1. That it is the solemn conviction of this General Assembly that the Presbyterian Church owes it as a sacred duty to her glorified Head, to yield a far more exemplary obedience, and that in her distinctive character as a church, to the command which he gave at his ascension into Heaven, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." It is believed to be among the causes of the frowns of the great Head of the Church, which are now resting on our beloved Zion, in the declension of vital piety, and the disorders and divisions that distract us, that we have done so little—comparatively nothing—in *our distinctive character* as a Church of Christ, to send the gospel to the Heathen, the Jews, and the Mahomedans. It is regarded as of vital importance to the welfare of our church, that foreign as well as domestic missions should be more zealously prosecuted, and more liberally patronized; and that as a nucleus of Foreign Missionary effort and operation, the Western Foreign Missionary Society should receive the countenance, as it appears to us to merit the confidence, of those who cherish an attachment to the doctrines and order of the church to which we belong.

2. *Resolved*, that a committee be appointed to confer with the Synod of Pittsburgh on the subject of a transfer of a supervision of the Western Foreign Missionary Society now under the direction of that Synod, to ascertain the terms on which such transfer can be made, to devise and digest a plan

of conducting Foreign Missions under the direction of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian church, and report the whole to the next General Assembly.

Dr. Cuyler, Dr. Cummins, Dr. Hoge, Mr. Witherspoon, and Dr. Edgar were appointed this committee.

The committee on Overture No. 7, respecting the publication of the Assembly's minutes reported; and after some discussion, the subject was re-committed to the same committee, with the addition of Dr. Ely.

The committee on the narrative reported, and their report after some discussion was re-committed to the same committee, with the addition of Messrs. Elliot, Winchester, and Patton.

The committee to whom was referred Overture No. 26, being a petition from the Synod of Mississippi and South Alabama, for the erection of a new Synod, made their report, which was accepted and adopted, and is as follows, viz:

Resolved, 1. That the request of the Synod be granted.

2. That the Presbyteries of South Alabama, Tuscaloosa, and Tombigbee be erected into a new Synod, to be called the Synod of Alabama.

3. That this Synod hold its first meeting at the church in Tuscaloosa, on the last Thursday in October, 1835, at 12 o'clock, M., and that R. M. Cunningham, D. D. preach and constitute with prayer, or in case of his absence, the oldest minister present.

4. That the name of the present Synod be so altered, as in future to be known by the name of the Synod of Mississippi.

The committee to whom was re-committed Overture No. 10, reported, and their report was discussed at some length.

The committee on leave of absence reported that they had given leave to Drs. Hill, Cleland and Fisher, Messrs. Reynolds, A. Campbell, Newton, Fenn, J. Matthews, Aston, Beardslee, Foster, Hendricks, S. Smith, Patton, T. Smith, Studdiford, Hill, McCullough, Owen, Houston, McIlhenny, Kiddoo, R. Elliott, Youse, Magie, Townley, McKeen, Pillsbury and Edson.

Messrs. A. O. Patterson and C. C. Beatty were added to the committee on leave of absence. Adjourned to meet on Monday morning at 8 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Monday morning, 8 o'clock, June 8th.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The committee on leave of absence reported that they had given leave to J. Elliott, Burrit, Hanford, H. Wilson, Porter, Silliman, Sharon, McEwen, Eells, Leslie, Boardman and M. Noble.

Resolved, That the next General Assembly be required to meet at Pittsburgh, in the First Presbyterian church, on the third Thursday in May next.

The report of the committee on the records of the Synod of the Western Reserve, was taken up, and the records were approved.

The report of the committee on Overture No. 21, viz: A memorial from the Presbytery of Londonderry, was taken up, and indefinitely postponed.

The following resolution was introduced, viz:

Resolved, That no Ruling Elder who has retired from the active exercise of his office in the church to which he belongs, can be admitted as a member of a Presbytery, Synod, or General Assembly.

This resolution after some discussion, was adopted by yeas and nays as follows, viz:

Yeas—J. N. Campbell, McMasters, Storrs, Axtell, Barrows, Denoon, McPherson, A. S. Allen, Krebs, Lenox, Cummins, J. Green, Webster, Miller, G. Junkin, Gray, Latta, Winchester, Cuyler, Magraw, J. N. C. Grier, R. Ralston,

Breckinridge, A. George, Moody, McKinley, J. King, Banks, J. H. Grier, B. Junkin, Patterson, H. Campbell, S. Ralston, Denniston, C. C. Beatty, D. Elliott, Dilworth, A. Smith, T. Davis, Hoge, Entreken, Wm. Hughes, Ewalt, Culbertson, J. Thompson, Snodgrass, Dickey, Burrowes, Blythe, V. King, Bell, Robinson, Monfort, Matthews, Wright, W. M. Stewart, Rice, J. Carr, R. Stewart, S. D. Williamson, McIlhenny, Ruffner, Burwell, Pegram, Osborne, Arnell, Edgar, Dickson, J. Le R. Davies, Witherspoon, Potts, T. Alexander, Hazard, J. B. Adams, Stratton.—76.

Nays—Beman, Phelps, Ward, Rogers, Vowell, Ely, Elmes, Gallaher, Kerr, Hardy, Hatfield, H. G. Beatty, Eagleton, T. Brown, Hood.—15.

The appeal and complaint of Thomas Bradford and others, from a decision of the Second Presbytery of Philadelphia, relative to the installation of Mr. Duffield, was taken up. The appeal, with the reasons of it, and all the documents in the case, were read. The parties were heard, and were then considered as withdrawn from the house. The roll was called to give the members an opportunity of expressing their opinion. After which the final vote was taken, and the Appeal and Complaint were sustained.

The following resolution was then adopted, as explanatory of the above decision, viz:

That the appeal be sustained, and the acts of the Presbytery in relation to the call and installation of Mr. Duffield, be and they hereby are reversed.

The complaints of Rev. G. Duffield and W. R. Dewitt, were dismissed on the ground that neither the complainants themselves, nor any person in their behalf, are present to prosecute those complaints.

The Assembly took up the report of the committee on the records of the Synod of Philadelphia, and the records were approved, with the following exception, viz:—In regard to the doctrine of said Synod concerning Appeals, Protests, and Complaints, and the application of this doctrine; about which the Assembly express no opinion.

The Assembly resumed the unfinished business of Saturday, viz: The report of the committee on overture No. 10. After some discussion, the report of the committee was postponed to take up a substitute, which was adopted, and is as follows, viz:

1. *Resolved*, That it is the deliberate and decided judgment of this Assembly, that the Roman Catholic Church has essentially apostatized from the religion of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, and therefore cannot be recognized as a Christian church.

2. *Resolved*, That it be recommended to all in our communion, to endeavour, by the diffusion of light, by means of the pulpit and the press, and all other proper and Christian means, to resist the extension of Romanism, and lead its subjects to the knowledge of the truth as it is taught in the word of God.

3. *Resolved*, That it is utterly inconsistent with the strongest obligation of Christian parents to place their children for education in Roman Catholic Seminaries.

The Assembly had a recess until half-past two o'clock this afternoon.

After the recess, the Assembly met.

The committee on overture No. 12, on the subject of Slavery, made their report. After some discussion, this report, and the whole subject was referred to a committee consisting of Dr. Miller, Dr. Beman, Dr. Hoge, Mr. Dickey, and Mr. Witherspoon, to take the subject into consideration, and report to the next General Assembly.

The committee to whom was referred overture No. 11, on the observance of the Sabbath reported, and after some discussion, the further consideration of the subject was indefinitely postponed.

Resolved, That the committee appointed to confer with the Synod of Pittsburgh, on the subject of a transfer of the supervision of the Western Foreign Missionary Society to the General Assembly, be authorized, if they shall approve of the said transfer, to ratify and confirm the same with the said Synod, and report the same to the next General Assembly.

The committee to whom was re-committed the Narrative on the state of religion reported, and their report was accepted; and their narrative was adopted, and ordered to be printed in the appendix to the minutes.

The committee on overture No. 2, viz: an application from the church of New Castle, to be detached from the Presbytery of Wilmington and connected with the Presbytery of New Castle, made their report, when it was resolved that the subject be referred to the Synod of Philadelphia.

The committee to whom was re-committed overture No. 7, on the publication of the Minutes of the Assembly, reported, that the existing regulations of the General Assembly, authorize the stated clerk to publish and distribute a copy of the minutes to each minister belonging to our body, and to such vacant churches, or elders, or other persons, as each Presbytery may request. The Boards of Education and Missions under the care of the Assembly and our corresponding sister churches, both domestic and foreign, require a considerable number of copies. It would be unwise to diminish this circulation.

Nevertheless, by the payment of $2 00 for every 40 miles travelled by our Delegates to corresponding Bodies in the United States, the salaries of the clerks of the Assembly, the expenses of the janitors of the churches in which the Assemblies have met, together with stationery for the members, the printing of the minutes, and the printing and binding, and gratuitous distribution of the Digest of the Assembly, for several years, in which little or nothing was collected for the Contingent Fund, the Assembly has become indebted to the amount of $3,633 14. Of this sum $2,500 were borrowed from the ED Scholarship; and $1,124 14 from Solomon Allen, Esq.

The Treasurer of the Trustees has in hand $315 75 to meet the expenses of the present year. There will be required for the same term not less than $1,200.

To meet this demand, and to provide for the liquidation of the debt already incurred, it is recommended that the Assembly urgently request every Presbytery, which has not lately done it, to forward without delay a contribution from their churches in aid of this fund to Isaac Snowden, Esq., Treasurer, at Philadelphia.

Resolved, moreover, that the act of the last Assembly, recorded on page 39 of the printed minutes, by which any person under the supervision of some one committee appointed by the Assembly in some one of our Synods is declared to be at liberty to publish the standards of our church, or any part of them, without any deduction for the benefit of the Assembly, be and the same is hereby repealed; and that hereafter no person shall be allowed by any committee to print an edition of our standards without paying to said committee $50 for every 1000 copies, which sum shall by said committee be paid without delay to the contingent fund of the Assembly.

And whereas, Mr. George Fleming has published the Assembly's Book of Psalms and Hymns, under a new arrangement of the hymns with their ancient titles, together with sundry musical characters, and has thereby, in some measure at least, interfered with the rights of the Trustees of this Assembly, therefore resolved that the Stated and Permanent Clerks of the Assembly be, and they hereby are authorized, provided it can be done without any charge to this Assembly, to procure a transfer to the Trustees aforesaid, of all right and title to said edition by Mr. Fleming, and to publish hereafter, or cause to be published, any number of copies which they may choose of the same, on the same conditions as those on which Solomon Allen, Esq., now publishes copies of the Assembly's Book of Psalms and Hymns.

Resolved, That if the said Fleming shall, as contemplated in the preceding resolution, convey his right and title to the said book of Psalms and Hymns to the Trustees of this Assembly, then the use of said Edition of the Psalms shall be, and hereby is authorized by this Assembly.

The committee to whom was referred Overture No. 9, relative to the right of ministers without charge to a seat in our judicatories, made their report, which after some discussion was referred to a committee consisting of Dr. Blythe, Dr. Hoge, Mr. Montfort, Mr. Elliot, and Mr. A. O. Patterson, to take the subject into consideration, and report to the next General Assembly.

The committee appointed on Overture No. 25, respecting collegiate churches having a stated supply, made their report, which was referred to the same committee to report on the subject to the next General Assembly.

Ordered, that a warrant be issued by the Trustees of the General Assembly on their Treasurer for the payment of the amount of salaries voted to the Professors in the Theological Seminary at Princeton; and that the Treasurer pay the same out of any funds in his hands belonging to the Assembly, not otherwise appropriated.

The General Assembly being convinced by the fullest evidence that the influences of the Holy Spirit have been in a great degree withheld from our churches during the last year, and that a fearful declension of evangelical piety has consequently been experienced; therefore, *Resolved*, that all the members of our church, and especially the ministers and elders, be most earnestly exhorted to pray and labour for the revival of genuine religion, through the powerful operations of the Holy Ghost; and further, that it be recommended to every minister to present this deeply interesting subject, faithfully and urgently to the people of his charge, on the first Sabbath of August next, or the Sabbath following, if he minister to more than one church.

The Permanent Clerk was directed to settle the incidental expenses of this Assembly by a draft on the Trustees of the Assembly for the amount.

The Stated and Permanent Clerks were appointed a committee to revise the minutes of this Assembly, and prepare them for publication.

By order of the Assembly, the calling of the roll was dispensed with.

The Assembly having completed its business, it was resolved that this Assembly be dissolved, and that another Assembly, chosen in the same manner, be required to meet in the First Presbyterian church in the city of Pittsburgh, on the third Thursday of May, 1836, at 11 o'clock, A. M. And the Moderator dissolved the Assembly accordingly.

Concluded with prayer, and the apostolic benediction.

[No statistics were published this year.]

1836.

PHILADELPHIA, May 19th, 1836.

THE General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America met, agreeably to appointment, in the First Presbyterian Church, in the city of Pittsburgh, on Thursday, the 19th day of May, 1836, at 11 o'clock A. M., and was opened with a sermon by the Rev. William W. Phillips, D. D., the Moderator of the last Assembly, from Romans i. 16, 17, "For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ; for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith."

After public worship, the Assembly was constituted with prayer, and then had a recess till 3 o'clock P. M. After the recess, the Standing Committee of Commissions reported that the following persons present have been duly appointed Commissioners to this General Assembly, viz.:

PRESBYTERY OF LONDONDERRY—*Minister*—Rev. John M. C. Bartley. *Elder*—Mr. Samuel M'Questin.

PRESBYTERY OF NEWBURYPORT—*Minister*—Rev. Jonathan F. Stearns* (4). *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF CHAMPLAIN—*Minister*—Rev. Ashbel Parmelee (2). *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF ALBANY—*Ministers*—Rev. William James, Hugh M. Koontz. *Elders*—Mr. Ananias Platt, Duncan M'Martin, Jr.

PRESBYTERY OF TROY—*Ministers*—Rev. Ova P. Hoyt, Archibald Fleming. *Elder*—Mr. Smith Griffith (4).

PRESBYTERY OF COLUMBIA—*Ministers*—Rev. John N. Lewis, Linus H. Fellows. *Elders*—Mr. William Edwards, Warren Rockwell.

PRESBYTERY OF ST. LAWRENCE—*Minister*—Rev. Frederick E. Cannon. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF WATERTOWN—*Minister*—Rev. Roswell Pettibone. *Elder*—Mr. Erwin Sacket.

PRESBYTERY OF OSWEGO—*Minister*—Rev. Samuel Sweezey. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF ONEIDA—*Ministers*—Rev. Beriah B. Hotchkin, Amos Savage. *Elder*—Mr. Charles Coolidge.

PRESBYTERY OF OTSEGO—*Minister*—Rev. Joshua B. Graves. *Elder*—Mr. Erastus Curtiss.

PRESBYTERY OF GENEVA—*Ministers*—Rev. Miles P. Squier, Stephen Crosby (9). *Elders*—Mr. Jonathan Whitaker, Luther F. Stevens.

PRESBYTERY OF CHENANGO—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF ONONDAGA—*Minister*—Rev. William H. Cooper. *Elder*—Mr. John H. Lathrop.

PRESBYTERY OF CAYUGA—*Ministers*—Rev. Medad Pomeroy, Chancey Cook. *Elders*—Mr. Myron C. Reed, Salem Town.

PRESBYTERY OF TIOGA—*Minister*—Rev. Marcus Ford. *Elder*—Mr. William Platt.

PRESBYTERY OF CORTLAND—*Minister*—Rev. Dennis Platt (2). *Elder*—None.

* Figures (2), (3), (4), etc., attached to names of members, show that such members were not present at the opening of the Assembly, but took their seats on the day of the sessions designated by the attached figure.

PRESBYTERY OF BATH—*Ministers*—Rev. James H. Hotchkin, John Frost. *Elders*—Mr. Nathan Reynolds, William Wells.

PRESBYTERY OF DELAWARE—*Minister*—Rev. Ichabod A. Hart. *Elder*—Mr. William H. Downs.

PRESBYTERY OF GENESEE—*Ministers*—Rev. Abijah Blanchard, John Walker. *Elders*—Mr. Joseph Johnson, Clark Selden.

PRESBYTERY OF ONTARIO—*Ministers*—Rev. William C. Wisner, Clark H. Goodrich. *Elders*—Mr. George W. Pitts, Philip Thompson.

PRESBYTERY OF ROCHESTER—*Ministers*—Rev. Conway P. Wing, Daniel Johnson (4). *Elder*—Mr. Leonard Adams.

PRESBYTERY OF NIAGARA—*Minister*—Rev. Roswell G. Murray. *Elder*—Mr. John Gooding.

PRESBYTERY OF BUFFALO—*Ministers*—Rev. John C. Lord (2), William Bradley (2). *Elders*—Mr. Reuben Heacock (2), George A. French (2).

PRESBYTERY OF ANGELICA—*Minister*—Rev. Asa Johnson. *Elder*—Mr. Asa S. Allen.

PRESBYTERY OF HUDSON—*Minister*—Rev. Edwin Downer. *Elder*—Mr. Hannibal M. Hopkins.

PRESBYTERY OF NORTH RIVER—*Minister*—Rev. Joseph D. Wickham. *Elder*—Mr. Josiah Tuthill.

PRESBYTERY OF BEDFORD—*Minister*—Rev. James V. Henry. *Elder*—Mr. Russel J. Minor.

PRESBYTERY OF LONG ISLAND—*Minister*—Rev. Ezra Youngs (4). *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF LONG ISLAND (2d)—*Minister*—Rev. Joseph Nimmo. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF NEW YORK—*Ministers*—Rev. William W. Phillips, D. D., William Marshall. *Elders*—Mr. James Lenox, Samuel Boyd.

PRESBYTERY OF NEW YORK (2d)—*Minister*—Rev. Joseph M'Elroy, D. D. *Elder*—Mr. William Wallace.

PRESBYTERY OF NEW YORK (3d)—*Ministers*—Rev. Absalom Peters, D. D., Thomas H. Skinner, D. D. *Elders*—Mr. Jonathan Leavitt, Lowell Holbrook.

PRESBYTERY OF NEWARK—*Ministers*—Rev. John Ford, Edward Allen. *Elders*—Mr. Isaac M. Ward, Ellison Conger (4).

PRESBYTERY OF ELIZABETHTOWN—*Ministers*—Rev. William B. Barton, Joseph M. Ogden. *Elders*—Mr. Peter A. Johnson, William B. Potter (4).

PRESBYTERY OF NEW BRUNSWICK—*Ministers*—Rev. Samuel Miller, D. D., Benjamin Ogden. *Elders*—Mr. James Seabrook, Samuel Brearley.

PRESBYTERY OF NEWTON—*Ministers*—Rev. Jacob R. Castner, Joseph Campbell. *Elders*—Mr. James Kennedy, John Stinson.

PRESBYTERY OF SUSQUEHANNA—*Minister*—Rev. Samuel Henderson. *Elder*—Mr. Parley Coburn (9).

PRESBYTERY OF MONTROSE—*Minister*—Rev. Timothy Stow. *Elder*—Mr. William Jessup.

PRESBYTERY OF PHILADELPHIA—*Ministers*—Rev. George W. Janvier, Samuel G. Winchester. *Elders*—Mr. Charles Woodward, James R. Hughes (4).

PRESBYTERY OF PHILADELPHIA (2d)—*Ministers*—Rev. James Patterson, George Duffield. *Elders*—Mr. Ambrose White, Elijah Dechert.

PHILADELPHIA SECOND SYNODICAL—*Minister*—Rev. William Neill, D. D. (3). *Elder*—Mr. Robert Hamill.

PRESBYTERY OF NEW CASTLE—*Ministers*—Rev. Orson Douglass, John H. Symmes. *Elders*—Mr. John W. Cunningham, James Patterson.

PRESBYTERY OF LEWES—*Minister*—Rev. George W. Kennedy. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF BALTIMORE—*Minister*—Rev. George W. Musgrave. *Elder*—Mr. Archibald George.

PRESBYTERY OF DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA—*Minister*—Rev. Eliphalet Bosworth. *Elder*—Mr. John Coyle.

PRESBYTERY OF CARLISLE—*Ministers*—Rev. Anderson B. Quay, James R. Sharon. *Elders*—Mr. I. W. Snowden, John M'Clure.

PRESBYTERY OF HUNTINGDON—*Minister*—Rev. David M'Kinney. *Elder*—Mr. John Porter.

PRESBYTERY OF NORTHUMBERLAND—*Minister*—Rev. Nathaniel Todd. *Elder*—Mr. Andrew Ferguson, Jr. (3).

PRESBYTERY OF ALLEGHENY—*Minister*—Rev. John Coulter. *Elder*—Mr. James M'Curdy.

PRESBYTERY OF REDSTONE—*Minister*—Rev. Joel Stoneroad. *Elder*—Mr. Nathaniel Ewing.

PRESBYTERY OF OHIO—*Ministers*—Rev. James Alexander, James D. Ray. *Elders*—Mr. Robert Highlands, John Miller.

PRESBYTERY OF STEUBENVILLE—*Minister*—Rev. Joseph Smith. *Elder*—Mr. George Anderson.

PRESBYTERY OF ERIE—*Minister*—Rev. Johnston Eaton. *Elder*—Mr. Robert Porter.

PRESBYTERY OF WASHINGTON—*Minister*—Rev. William P. Alrich. *Elder*—Mr. James M'Farren.

PRESBYTERY OF BEAVER—*Minister*—Rev. Clement Vallandingham. *Elder*—Mr. Alexander Write, Jr.

PRESBYTERY OF BLAIRSVILLE—*Minister*—Rev. Robert Johnston. *Elder*—Mr. Joseph Harbeson.

PRESBYTERY OF GRAND RIVER—*Minister*—Rev. Ferris Fitch. *Elder*—Mr. Thomas Richmond.

PRESBYTERY OF PORTAGE—*Ministers*—Rev. Jedidiah Parmelee, John Seward. *Elders*—Mr. David Preston, John Wilson.

PRESBYTERY OF HURON—*Minister*—Rev. Enoch Conger. *Elder*—Mr. Abner Strong.

PRESBYTERY OF TRUMBULL—*Minister*—Rev. Daniel Millar. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF CLEVELAND—*Ministers*—Rev. Joel Talcott, Varnum Noyes. *Elders*—Mr. Harmon Kingsbury, Thomas D. Crosby.

PRESBYTERY OF DETROIT—*Minister*—Rev. John P. Cleaveland. *Elder*—Mr. Robert Stuart.

PRESBYTERY OF ST. JOSEPH—*Minister*—Rev. Luther Humphrey. *Elder*—Mr. Neal McGaffey (2).

PRESBYTERY OF MONROE—*Minister*—Rev. John Beach. *Elder*—Mr. John Geddes.

PRESBYTERY OF COLUMBUS—*Minister*—Rev. James Hoge, D. D. *Elder*—Mr. David Taylor.

PRESBYTERY OF MARION—*Minister*—Rev. Henry Van Deman. *Elder*—Mr. Joseph Boyd.

PRESBYTERY OF RICHLAND—*Minister*—Rev. James Rowland. *Elder*—Mr. John H. Culbertson.

PRESBYTERY OF WOOSTER—*Minister*—Rev. Archibald Hanna. *Elder*—Mr. John Elliot.

PRESBYTERY OF LANCASTER—*Minister*—Rev. William Wallace. *Elder*—Mr. Robert Smith.

PRESBYTERY OF ATHENS—*Minister*—Rev. Addison Kingsbury *Elder*—Mr. James M. Amlin.

PRESBYTERY OF CHILLICOTHE—*Minister*—Rev. John Rankin. *Elder*—Mr. Thomas M'Garraugh.

PRESBYTERY OF MIAMI—*Minister*—Rev. John S. Galloway. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF CINCINNATI—*Ministers*—Rev. John Spaulding, Thomas Brainerd. *Elders*—Mr. William Carey (3), William Mulford (3).

PRESBYTERY OF OXFORD—*Minister*—Rev. Sylvester Scovel. *Elder*—Mr. Benjamin C. Swan (3).

PRESBYTERY OF SALEM—*Minister*—Rev. Solomon Kittredge. *Elder*—Mr. John Martin.

PRESBYTERY OF MADISON.—*Minister*—Rev. George Bishop. *Elder*—Mr. Williamson Dunn.

PRESBYTERY OF VINCENNES—*Minister*—Rev. Matthew G. Wallace. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF CRAWFORDSVILLE—*Minister*—Rev. Samuel G. Lowry. *Elder*—Mr. John S. Jennings.

PRESBYTERY OF LOGANSPORT—*Minister*—Rev. Martin M. Post. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF INDIANAPOLIS—*Minister*—Rev. John S. Weaver. *Elder*—Mr. Samuel Donnell.

PRESBYTERY OF ILLINOIS—*Minister*—Rev. Alfred H. Dashiell. *Elder*—Mr. Henry K. Lathy.

PRESBYTERY OF KASKASKIA—*Minister*—Rev. Benjamin F. Spilman. *Elder*—Mr. Wash. A. G. Posey (4).

PRESBYTERY OF SANGAMON—*Minister*—Rev. John G. Bergen (3). *Elder*—Mr. James L. Lamb (4).

PRESBYTERY OF OTTAWA—*Minister*—Rev. Ralph W. Gridley (3). *Elder*—Mr. John Stickel (4).

PRESBYTERY OF SCHUYLER—*Minister*—Rev. Reuben K. M'Coy (3). *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF PALESTINE—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF MISSOURI—*Minister*—Rev. Hiram Chamberlain. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF ST. LOUIS—*Minister*—Rev. Elijah P. Lovejoy. *Elder*—Mr. George W. Ker (3).

PRESBYTERY OF ST. CHARLES—*Minister*—Rev. William P. Cochran (3). *Elder*—Mr. James F. Mahan (3).

PRESBYTERY OF LOUISVILLE—*Minister*—Rev. William L. Breckinridge. *Elder*—Mr. John Bemiss.

PRESBYTERY OF MUHLENBERG—*Minister*—Rev. Alexander R. Curry (2). *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF TRANSYLVANIA—*Minister*—Rev. John H. Brown. *Elder*—Mr. Joseph M'Dowel.

PRESBYTERY OF WEST LEXINGTON—*Minister*—Rev. Jacob F. Price. *Elder*—Mr. J. S. Berryman.

PRESBYTERY OF EBENEZER—*Minister*—Rev. David S. Todd. *Elder*—Mr. Lewis Collins (3).

PRESBYTERY OF WINCHESTER—*Minister*—Rev. William Williamson. *Elder*—Mr. William E. Glassel.

PRESBYTERY OF WEST HANOVER—*Ministers*—Rev. Jacob D. Mitchell.* Jesse S. Armistead (3). *Elders*—Mr. John W. Wilson (3), George M. Payne (3).

* Permitted to resign his seat on the third day of the sessions to Rev. James Wharey, the principal in the commission.

PRESBYTERY OF LEXINGTON—*Ministers*—Rev. Francis M'Farland, John M'Elhenny. *Elders*—Mr. Rich. H. Henry, M. D. (4), Thomas Baird (3).

PRESBYTERY OF EAST HANOVER—*Minister*—Rev. Henry Smith. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF ORANGE—*Minister*—Rev. Eli W. Caruthers. *Elder*—Mr. Warner M. Lewis (7).

PRESBYTERY OF ROANOKE—*Minister*—Rev. Samuel L. Graham, D. D. (3). *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF FAYETTEVILLE—*Minister*—Rev. Evander M'Nair. *Elder*—Mr. Archibald M'Callum.

PRESBYTERY OF CONCORD—*Minister*—Rev. Patrick J. Sparrow. *Elder*—Mr. Rufus H. Kilpatrick.

PRESBYTERY OF MORGANTON—*Minister*—Rev. S. M'Cutchan. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF ABINGDON—*Minister*—Rev. David F. Palmer. *Elder*—Mr. John Smith.

PRESBYTERY OF UNION—*Ministers*—Rev. William Harrison (3), Jefferson E. Montgomery (4). *Elders*—Mr. John Eagleton (4), William Clift (4).

PRESBYTERY OF HOLSTON—*Minister*—Rev. Frederick A. Ross. *Elder*—Mr. Seth I. W. Lucky.

PRESBYTERY OF FRENCH BROAD—*Minister*—Rev. Elijah A. Carson (3). *Elder*—Mr. John M'Sween.

PRESBYTERY OF WEST TENNESSEE—*Minister*—Rev. Benjamin Labaree. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF NASHVILLE—*Minister*—Rev. Thomas A. Ogden (3). *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF SHILOH—*Minister*—Rev. Amzi Bradshaw. *Elder*—Mr. William D. Baird.

PRESBYTERY OF NORTH ALABAMA.—*Minister*—Rev. John Allan, D. D. *Elder*—Mr. David A. Smith.

PRESBYTERY OF WESTERN DISTRICT—*Minister*—Rev. Alexander A. Campbell (3). *Elder*—Mr. John Ingram, M. D. (6).

PRESBYTERY OF SOUTH CAROLINA—*Minister*—Rev. Samuel B. Lewers (3). *Elder*—Mr. John M'Clintock (3).

PRESBYTERY OF BETHEL—*Minister*—Rev. J. Le Roy Davies. *Elder*—Mr. Thos. L. Dunlap, M. D.

PRESBYTERY OF HOPEWELL—*Minister*—Rev. Samuel S. Davis. *Elder*—Mr. Eugenius A. Nesbit.

PRESBYTERY OF CHARLESTON UNION—*Minister*—Rev. Benjamin M. Palmer, D. D. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF HARMONY—*Minister*—Rev. John Witherspoon. *Elder*—Mr. Gilbert T. Snowden (3).

PRESBYTERY OF GEORGIA—*Minister*—Rev. Horace S. Pratt (5). *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF FLINT RIVER—*Minister*—Rev. John S. Wilson. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF MISSISSIPPI—*Minister*—Rev. John H. Van Court. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF SOUTH ALABAMA—*Minister*—Rev. Francis H. Porter. *Elder*—Mr. Thomas R. Borden (3).

PRESBYTERY OF ARKANSAS—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF TOMBIGBEE—*Minister*—Rev. Thomas C. Stewart. *Elder*—Mr. David Morrow, M. D.

PRESBYTERY OF CLINTON—*Minister*—Rev. Alexander Newton (3) *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of Tuscaloosa—*Minister*—Rev. John H. Gray. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of Amite—*Minister*—Rev. John Hutchison. *Elder*—None.

CORRESPONDING BODIES.

General Association of Connecticut—Rev. Chauncey Booth (4), Thomas F. Davies (4).

General Association of Massachusetts—Rev. Artemas Boies.

General Association of New Hampshire—Rev. Jonathan Clement.

General Convention of Vermont—None.

General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church—Rev. John Gosman, D. D. (4).

General Synod of the German Reformed Church—None.

General Conference of Maine—Rev. George E. Adams (4).

Evangelical Consociation of Rhode Island—Rev. Abraham H. Dumont (4).

The committee further reported that the following persons, claiming to be commissioners, have appeared without commissions: viz. Rev. David S. Todd, from the Presbytery of Ebenezer; Mr. Duncan McMartin, Jr., a ruling elder from the Presbytery of Albany; Mr. Thomas Richmond, a ruling elder from the Presbytery of Grand River; Mr. Williamson Dunn, a ruling elder from the Presbytery of Madison; Mr. John McClure, a ruling elder from the Presbytery of Carlisle; and Mr. Joseph Boyd, a ruling elder from the Presbytery of Marion; and that three of the commissions from the Presbytery of Bath are without the signature of the Clerk.

Dr. Peters, Mr. Winchester, and Mr. Samuel Boyd were appointed a committee of elections, to whom these cases were referred.

The Committee of Elections reported that they had received satisfactory evidence of the appointment of all the persons whose cases were referred to them; and it was ordered that their names be enrolled as members of the Assembly.

The Assembly proceeded to the choice of a Moderator and Temporary Clerk, when the Rev. John Witherspoon was chosen Moderator, and the Rev. William P. Alrich was chosen Clerk.

Mr. Winchester and Mr. S. S. Davis were appointed a committee to distribute the printed minutes of the Assembly among the members.

Rev. Dr. Ezra S. Ely communicated in writing his resignation of all the offices which he held by the appointment of the Assembly. His resignation was accepted; and it was made the order of the day to nominate a Stated Clerk to-morrow afternoon at 3 o'clock—the election to take place on Monday at 10 o'clock.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

Friday morning, May 20, 9 *o'clock.*

The Assembly met agreeably to adjournment, and was opened with prayer.

The roll was called, and the minutes of the last session were read.

The Committee of Commissions reported the following additional members, who appeared and took their seats, viz., Rev. John C. Lord, Rev. William Bradley, Mr. Reuben Heacock, ruling elder, and Mr. George A. French, ruling elder, from the Presbytery of Buffalo; Rev. Alexander R. Curry, from the Presbytery of Muhlenburg; Mr. Neal McGaffey, a ruling elder

from the Presbytery of St. Joseph; Rev. Ashbel Parmelee, from the Presbytery of Champlain; and Rev. Dennis Platt, from the Presbytery of Cortland.

Dr. Phillips, Mr. Hoyt, Mr. Musgrave, Mr. Dashiell, Mr. McElhenny, Mr. McCutchan, Mr. J. L. R. Davies, Mr. B. Ogden, Mr. Boies, Mr. Lenox, Mr. Dunlap, and Mr. H. Kingsbury were appointed a committee of bills and overtures, to meet in this house on the rising of the Assembly this morning, and afterwards on their own adjournments.

Dr. Hoge, Dr. Peters, Mr. McFarland, Mr. S. S. Davis, Mr. Bishop, Mr. Price, Mr. S. Boyd, Mr. Nesbit, and Mr. Kilpatrick were appointed a judicial committee, to meet in this house on the rising of the Assembly this morning, and afterwards on their own adjournments.

Dr. McElroy, Mr. J. Ford, Mr. Breckinridge, Mr. Holbrook, Mr. P. A. Johnson, and Mr. Dunn were appointed a committee on giving leave of absence.

Mr. Woodward, Mr. Leavitt, and Mr. Bemiss were appointed a committee to receive an account of the miles travelled by the Commissioners, and to make an apportionment of the Commissioners' fund agreeably to the standing rule on the subject.

The following committees were appointed to examine the records of the several Synods, viz.: the records of the Synod of

Albany—Mr. Hutchison, Mr. Gray, and Dr. Morrow.
Utica—Mr. D. F. Palmer, Mr. H. Smith, and Mr. McDowel.
Geneva—Mr. Williamson, Mr. Brown, and Mr. Geddes.
Genesee—Mr. Weaver, Mr. J. Rankin, and Mr. Culbertson.
New York—Mr. Sparrow, Mr. Ross, and Mr. Baird.
New Jersey—Dr. Palmer, Mr. Caruthers, and Mr. J. Smith.
Philadelphia—Mr. J. S. Wilson, Mr. D. S. Todd, and Mr. McFarren.
Pittsburgh—Mr. Labaree, Mr. Mitchell, and Mr. Berryman.
Ohio—Mr. Van Court, Dr. Allen, and Mr. Joseph Smith.
Indiana—Mr. Bradshaw, Mr. McNair, and Mr. Glassell.
Western Reserve—Mr. Spilman, Mr. Winchester, and Mr. Lenox.
Michigan—Mr. T. C. Stuart, Mr. F. H. Porter, and Mr. D. A. Smith.
Cincinnati.—Mr. Breckinridge, Mr. Barton, and Mr. Ewing.
Illinois—Mr. Galloway, Mr. Marshall, and Dr. Snowden.
Missouri—Mr. Rowland, Mr. Vallandingham, and Mr. Strong.
Mississippi—Mr. J. Ford, Mr. Koontz, and Mr. McQuestin.
Alabama—Mr. J. H. Hotchkin, Mr. J. N. Lewis, and Mr. Edwards.
Virginia—Mr. Bartley, Mr. J. V. Henry, and Mr. A. Platt.
Tennessee—Mr. Stoneroad, Mr. Douglass, and Mr. Minor.
South Carolina and Georgia—Mr. J. M. Ogden, Mr. Castner, and Mr. J. Porter.
Kentucky—Mr. Savage, Mr. Nimmo, and Mr. P. A. Johnson.
North Carolina—Dr. Skinner, Mr. Symmes, and Mr. J. Miller.
West Tennessee—Mr. Pettibone, Mr. Janvier, and Mr. W. Platt.

Resolved, That it be the order of the day for Monday morning at 9 o'clock to receive reports from the Presbyteries on the state of religion. Mr. Breckinridge, Mr. James, Mr. Barton, Mr. McCurdy, Mr. Clement, and Mr. Taylor were appointed a committee to receive these reports, and draw up a general narrative.

Resolved, That Wednesday forenoon next be spent in religious exercises.

Dr. Miller, Dr. Skinner, Mr. Alrich, Mr. Rockwell, and Mr. Lathrop were appointed a committee to make arrangements for the religious exercises of that day.

Written reports were received from Mr. Dickinson and Mr. Treat, delegates

to the General Associations of Connecticut and Massachusetts, which were read and accepted.

Dr. Peters, the delegate to the last meeting of the German Reformed Synod, made a verbal report, which was accepted.

Dr. Spring, one of the delegates to the Congregational Union of England and Wales, made a report in writing, which was read and accepted, and committed to Dr. Peters and Dr. Skinner to draft a suitable minute on the subject.

It was made the order of the day for this afternoon, after the nominations for Stated Clerk, to make nominations for delegates to corresponding bodies.

Resolved, That it be the order of the day for this afternoon, at 4 o'clock, to receive the report of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary at Princeton, and also the report of the Trustees of the same institution.

Resolved, That it be the order of the day for Tuesday morning next, at 10 o'clock, to hear the report of the Board of Missions.

Resolved, further, That it be the order of the day for Tuesday afternoon next, at 3 o'clock, to hear the report of the Board of Education.

The committee appointed by the last Assembly to procure a transfer from Mr. George Fleming, to the Trustees of the General Assembly, of all right and title which he may have to the Assembly's book of Psalms and Hymns, published by him, under a new arrangement of the hymns with their ancient titles, together with sundry musical characters, reported that they had procured the transfer from Mr. Fleming, and had made a contract with Mr. Joseph Wetham, a bookseller of Philadelphia, for the publication of said book. The report of the committee, with the accompanying documents, were referred to Mr. Winchester and Mr. Patterson, ministers, and Mr. Woodward, elder.

The following report on the subject of publishing the Assembly's Psalms and Hymns was received from Mr. Solomon Allen, which was accepted and ordered to be entered on the minutes, viz.:

The General Assembly in account with Solomon Allen, Agent,

	Dr.
To cash paid I. Snowden, Treasurer, for profits to 31st March, 1835	$1397 06
For paper	165 92
" printing	218 55
" binding	538 99
" advertising, etc.	18 58
" commission on sales to date, 5 per cent. on $1975 53	98 77
Balance, being profit from 31st of March, 1835, to 28th of April, 1836	952 24
	$3390 11

Contra,	Cr.
By balance, per last report	$1397 06
By cash received for Psalms and Hymns sold	1975 53
Interest	17 52
	$3390 11

By this account it will be perceived that there has been a profit of $952.24 for the year past, which has been paid to the Treasurer of the General Assembly.

The whole profit on Psalms and Hymns, from the commencement of the publication under direction of the subscriber, has been as follows, viz.:

Cash paid to the Treasurer of the General Assembly,				
			March 26, 1834	$ 833 99
Ditto,	ditto,	ditto,	1835	1397 06
Ditto,	ditto,	ditto,	April 29, 1836	952 24
For stereotype plates - - - - - - - -				1348 22
Value of Psalms and Hymns on hand, at cost - -				357 53
				$4889 04

The Permanent Clerk reported that there had been put into his hands the following appeals and complaints, which were committed to the Judicial Committee, viz.: Appeal of Rev. Dr. Andrew Wylie from a decision of the Synod of Indiana; Appeal and complaint of Rev. Albert Barnes, in relation to decisions of the Synod of Philadelphia: Complaint of Thomas Fassit, Alexander Fullerton, Ambrose White, etc. against proceedings of the Synod of Philadelphia; Complaint of St. George's Church, Delaware, against a decision of the Synod of Philadelphia; Appeal from the decision of the Synod of Utica in the case of Curtis Holgate against Owen Clark; Appeal of Asahel Smith from a decision of the Synod of Cincinnati; Complaint of Rev. Dr. Joshua L. Wilson and others against a decision of the Synod of Cincinnati in the case of J. C. Harrison; Complaint of Rev. Sayer Gazley against the Synod of Cincinnati; and Appeals and complaints from Missouri.

Adjourned till this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

Friday afternoon, 3 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and began with prayer.

Resolved, That calling the roll be dispensed with during the remaining sessions of the Assembly.

The minutes of the last session were read.

Nominations were made for a Stated Clerk in the place of Dr. Ely, resigned.

Nominations were also made for delegates to corresponding bodies.

A letter was received from the Corresponding Secretary of the New York Temperance Society, presenting five hundred copies of the Temperance Recorder for May. *Resolved*, That the thanks of this Assembly be presented to the Executive Committee of said society for this donation.

A memorial from a majority of the members of the church and congregation of St. Charles, Missouri, was read and laid on the table.

The annual report of the Directors of the Theological Seminary at Princeton was presented, read, accepted, and laid on the table.

The report of the Trustees of the Theological Seminary at Princeton was read and accepted, and ordered to be printed in the Appendix to the Minutes of the Assembly.

Resolved, That the Trustees be authorized to draw from the treasury of the Trustees of the General Assembly the sum of $8600 for the payment of professors' salaries through the current year.

The committee appointed by the last Assembly to provide means to meet the deficiency of the proceeds of the permanent funds to pay the salaries of the professors in the Theological Seminary at Princeton, made the following report, which was accepted, viz.: That through the year they have received the following sums, viz.:

From Huntington congregation, Long Island	$15 12
Rev. James W. Douglass, Fayetteville, North Carolina	10 00
Rev. James V. Henry, Sing-Sing, New York	10 00
James Elliot, Esq., Tuscaloosa, Alabama	20 00
Rev. J. G. Hamner, Baltimore	80 00
Rev. I. V. Brown, Lawrenceville, New Jersey	10 00
Rev. James S. Woods, Lewistown, Pennsylvania, from ladies of Waynesburg, Pennsylvania	10 00
Rev. Henry A. Boardman, Philadelphia	10 00
Rev. Elias W. Crane, Jamaica, Long Island	10 00
Rev. Thomas A. Ogden, Nashville, Tennessee	50 00
Rev. Ravaud K. Rodgers, Bound Brook, New Jersey	10 00
A few individuals in Newark, New Jersey	80 00
Rev. James C. Barnes, Lancaster, Kentucky	10 00
	$325 12

The committee were continued for the ensuing year.

The Permanent Clerk reported the following additional items of judicial business, viz.: Appeal and complaint of the Second Presbytery of Philadelphia in relation to a decision of the Synod of Philadelphia, dissolving said Presbytery; Appeals and complaints of the Second Presbytery of Philadelphia in relation to decisions of the Synod of Philadelphia: 1. Censuring the Presbytery as vexatious, etc.; 2, Excluding the delegates of several of their churches from a seat in Synod; 3, Rejecting their petition, and refusing to consider their request to have geographical limits assigned them; Complaint of the Rev. J. D. Pickands, Rev. A. G. Morss, etc. against the Synod of Philadelphia; Complaint of Rev. Dr. E. S. Ely, Rev. Alexander Campbell, etc. against the Synod of Philadelphia; Complaint of Rev. E. W. Gilbert and Rev. J. D. Pickands against the Synod of Philadelphia for dissolving the church at Newark, Delaware, accompanied with a petition; Complaint of Rev. E. W. Gilbert and Rev. J. D. Pickands against the Synod of Philadelphia for dissolving the Presbytery of Wilmington, accompanied with a petition for their restoration; and Appeal of Rev. Dr. Joshua L. Wilson from a decision of the Synod of Cincinnati in case of Rev. Dr. Beecher.

The above items of judicial business were referred to the Judicial Committee.

The committee appointed by the last Assembly on the transfer of the Western Foreign Missionary Society to the General Assembly, made a report, which was read and accepted, and is as follows, viz.:

The committee appointed under the following resolution of the last General Assembly, viz.: "*Resolved*, That the committee appointed to confer with the Synod of Pittsburgh, on the subject of a transfer of the supervision of the Western Foreign Missionary Society to the General Assembly, be authorized, if they shall approve of the said transfer, to ratify and confirm the same with the said Synod, and report the same to the next General Assembly," beg leave to report: That they submitted the following terms of agreement to the Synod of Pittsburgh at its sessions last fall, and that it was duly ratified by that body, as will fully appear by its minutes.

Terms of agreement between the committee of the General Assembly and the Synod of Pittsburgh in reference to the transfer of the Western Foreign Missionary Society:

1. The General Assembly will assume the supervision and control of the Western Foreign Missionary Society from and after the next annual meeting

of said Assembly, and will thereafter superintend and conduct, by its own proper authority, the work of foreign missions of the Presbyterian Church, by a board especially appointed for that purpose and directly amenable to said Assembly.—And the Synod of Pittsburgh does hereby transfer to that body all its supervision and control over the missions and operations of the Western Foreign Society from and after the adoption of this minute; and authorizes and directs said society to perform every act necessary to complete said transfer when the Assembly shall have appointed its board, it being expressly understood that the said Assembly will never hereafter alienate or transfer to any other judicatory or board whatever the direct supervision and management of the said missions, or those which may hereafter be established by the Board of the General Assembly.

2. The General Assembly shall, at its next meeting, choose forty ministers and forty laymen, and annually thereafter ten ministers and ten laymen, as members of the Board of Foreign Missions, whose term of office shall be four years; and these forty ministers and forty laymen, so appointed, shall constitute a board, to be styled "The Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the United States;" to which, for the time being, shall be entrusted, with such directions and instructions as may from time to time be given, the superintendence of the foreign missionary operations of the Presbyterian Church; who shall make annually to the General Assembly a report of their proceedings, and submit for its approval such plans and measures as may be deemed useful and necessary. Until the transfer shall have been completed the business shall be conducted by the Western Foreign Missionary Society.

3. The board of directors shall hold a meeting annually, at some convenient time during the sessions of the General Assembly, at which it shall appoint a president, vice-president, a corresponding secretary, a recording secretary, a treasurer, general agents, and an executive committee, to serve for the ensuing year. It shall belong to the board to receive and decide upon all the doings of the executive committee, to receive and dispose of their annual report, and present a statement of their proceedings to the General Assembly. It shall be the duty of the board of directors to meet for the transaction of business as often as may be expedient, due notice of every special meeting being given to every member of the board. It is recommended to the board to hold, in different parts of the Church, at least one public meeting annually, to promote and diffuse a livelier interest in the foreign missionary cause.

4. To the executive committee, consisting of not more than seven members besides the corresponding secretary and treasurer, shall belong the duty of appointing all missionaries and missionary agents, except those otherwise provided for; of designating their fields of labor, receiving the reports of the corresponding secretary, and giving him needful directions in reference to all matters of business and correspondence entrusted to him; to authorize all appropriations and expenditures of money; and to take the particular direction and management of the foreign missionary work, subject to the revision of the board of directors. The executive committee shall meet at least once a month, and oftener if necessary; of whom three members, meeting at the time and place of adjournment or special call, shall constitute a quorum. The committee shall have power to fill their own vacancies if any occur during a recess of the board.

5. All property, houses, lands, tenements, and permanent funds, belonging to the board of foreign missions to be constituted by this agreement, shall be taken in the name of the Trustees of the General Assembly, and held in

trust by them for the use and benefit of the Board of Foreign Missions for the time being.

6. The seat of the operations of the board shall be designated by the General Assembly.

After some discussion, the above report was committed to Dr. Phillips, Mr. Scovel, Dr. Skinner, Dr. Dunlap, and Mr. Ewing, who were authorized to review the whole case and present it for the consideration of this Assembly.

Resolved, That the report of this committee be the order of the day for Thursday morning at 10 o'clock, or earlier if prepared.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

Saturday morning, May 21st, 9 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and began with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The Committee of Commissions reported the following additional members who took their seats, viz.: from the 2d Presbytery of Philadelphia (Synodical), Rev. William Neill, D. D.; from the Presbytery of Northumberland, Mr. Andrew Ferguson, Jr., ruling elder; from the Presbytery of West Hanover, Rev. Jesse S. Armistead, and Mr. John W. Wilson and Mr. George M. Payne, ruling elders; from the Presbytery of Lexington, Mr. Thomas Baird, ruling elder; from the Presbytery of Cincinnati, Mr. William Carey and Mr. William Mulford, ruling elders; from the Presbytery of Oxford, Mr. Benjamin C. Swan, ruling elder; from the Presbytery of Sangamon, Rev. John G. Bergen, and Mr. James L. Lamb, ruling elder; from the Presbytery of Schuyler, Rev. Reuben K. M'Coy; from the Presbytery of St. Charles, Rev. William P. Cochran, and Mr. James F. Mahan, ruling elder; from the Presbytery of Clinton, Rev. Alexander Newton; from the Presbytery of South Alabama, Mr. Thomas R. Borden, ruling elder; from the Presbytery of St. Louis, Mr. George W. Ker, ruling elder; from the Presbytery of Ottawa, Rev. Ralph W. Gridley; from the Presbytery of Union, Rev. William Harrison; from the Presbytery of South Carolina, Rev. Samuel B. Lewers, and Mr. John M'Clintock, ruling elder; from the Presbytery of French Broad, Rev. Elijah A. Carson, and Mr. John M'Sween, ruling elder; from the Presbytery of Ebenezer, Mr. Lewis Collins, ruling elder; from the Presbytery of Roanoke, Rev. Samuel L. Graham, D. D.; from the Presbytery of Harmony, Mr. Gilbert T. Snowden, ruling elder; from the Presbytery of Nashville, Rev. Thomas A. Ogden; and from the Presbytery of the Western District, Rev. Archibald A. Campbell.

Rev. Jacob D. Mitchell informed the Assembly, that, as the alternate named in the commission from West Hanover, his principal, Rev. James Wharey, not being present, he had at the commencement of the Assembly taken his seat as a member, and that Mr. Wharey had now arrived, having been detained in the providence of God. Mr. Mitchell moved that he have leave to resign his seat in favor of Mr. Wharey. It was then moved and carried that under the peculiar circumstances of the case the standing rule be dispensed with, and that Mr. Wharey be admitted a member in the place of Mr. Mitchell.

The committee to whom was referred the report of Dr. Spring as delegate to the Congregational Union of England and Wales, made a report, which being read and amended, was adopted, and is as follows, viz.:

1. *Resolved*, That in view of the reciprocal advantages of the intercourse which has been opened between the General Assembly and the above Union, the Assembly will be happy to continue the intercourse, and to receive delegates from the Union, as often as our brethren in England and Wales, shall judge it for mutual edification to be thus represented in this body.

2. *Resolved*, That it will not be expedient for the General Assembly to repeat its appointments of delegates to the above Union oftener than once in three years.

3. *Resolved*, That in no case will the Assembly send more than two delegates in the same year.

The judicial committee reported as in order judicial business No. 1, viz.: the appeal of the Rev. Dr. Andrew Wylie from a decision of the Synod of Indiana; which was put upon the docket.

The Assembly proceeded to elect delegates to corresponding bodies; the ballots were taken and committed to Mr. J. N. Lewis and Mr. Lathrop to count them, and report the result to the Assembly.

The Committee of Overtures reported Overtures Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 4.

Overture No. 1, viz.: a memorial and overture from the Presbytery of Ohio on the observance of the Sabbath, was referred to Mr. Cleaveland and Mr. Patterson, ministers, and Mr. H. Kingsbury, elder.

Overture No. 2, viz.: a question from the Presbytery of Lancaster, What is a vacant church? was referred to Mr. J. Ford, Mr. Rowland, and Mr. Lamb.

Overture No. 3, viz.: an overture from the Presbytery of Morganton, N. C., in relation to lands belonging to the General Assembly within their bounds, was committed to Mr. White, Mr. Jessup, and Mr. Nesbit.

Overture No. 4, viz.: a request from the Presbytery of Ohio on the subject of paying contingent expenses from the proceeds of the permanent funds of the Assembly, was committed to Dr. Neill, Mr. M. G. Wallace, and Mr. Martin.

The Assembly proceeded to call for reports from Presbyteries on the subject of making the alteration in the constitution proposed by the last Assembly: viz.: to require candidates for the ministry to study three years instead of two. The reports were received, and committed to Mr. Lewers, Mr. Sweezy, and Mr. Rockwell to report the result to the Assembly.

The Synod of Virginia reported on the subject of the boundary line of said Synod, referred to them by the last Assembly. Their report was committed to Mr. Wharey, Mr. Carothers, and Mr. Martin, Jr.

Mr. Breckinridge requested leave to resign his appointment as a member of the committee on the Narrative of the State of Religion, which was granted, and Dr. Graham was appointed chairman of said committee in his place.

Adjourned till Monday morning at 9 o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

Monday morning, May 23d, 9 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and began with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The Committee of Commissions reported the following additional Commissioners, who took their seats, viz.: from the Presbytery of Lexington, Richard H. Henry, M. D., ruling elder; from the Presbytery of Rochester, Rev. Daniel Johnson; from the Presbytery of Elizabeth Town, Mr. William B. Potter, ruling elder; from the Presbytery of Troy, Mr. Smith Griffith, ruling elder; from the Presbytery of Long Island, Rev. Ezra Youngs; from the Presbytery of Ottawa, Mr. John Stickel, ruling elder; from the Presbytery of Union, Rev. Jefferson E. Montgomery, and Mr. John Eagleton and Mr. William Clift, ruling elders; from the Presbytery of Newburyport, Rev. Jonathan F. Stearns; from the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church, Rev. John Gosman, D. D.; from the General Association of Connecticut, Rev. Chauncey Booth; from the Evangelical Consociation of Rhode Island, Rev. Abraham H. Dumont; from the General Conference of Maine, Rev. George E. Adams; and from the Presbytery of Philadelphia, Mr. James R. Hughes, ruling elder.

The committee further reported that Mr. Ellison Conger, ruling elder from the Presbytery of Newark, had appeared without a commission. The case of Mr. Conger was referred to the Committee of Elections.

The Committee of Overtures reported Overtures Nos. 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10.

The Committee of Elections reported that they had received satisfactory evidence of the appointment of Mr. Ellison Conger as a Commissioner to this Assembly, and recommended that he be admitted a member; Mr. Conger was admitted accordingly.

Overture No. 5, viz.: documents from the Presbytery of Bedford in relation to the admission of Mr. Alexander Leadbetter, a foreign licentiate, was committed to Mr. Bergen, Mr. Armistead, and Mr. Donnell.

Overture No. 6, viz.: a memorial from the Synod of West Tennessee in relation to their boundaries, was committed to Mr. Van Court, Mr. Newton, and Mr. Coolridge.

Overture No. 7, viz.: an overture from the Presbytery of Madison on the subject of peace, was committed to Mr. J. M. Ogden, Mr. Squier, and Mr. Sacket.

Overture No. 8, viz.: a memorial from the Presbytery of West Lexington, proposing that the Assembly should meet once in two years, was committed to Dr. Skinner, Mr. Musgrave, Mr. Lovejoy, Mr. T. Baird, and Mr. Hamill.

Overture No. 9, viz.: a memorial from the Rev. Dr. Blythe, proposing that appeals, except in certain cases, should terminate in the Synods, was committed to the same committee.

Overture No. 10, viz.: a resolution from the Presbytery of Louisville in relation to printing the Minutes of the Assembly, was committed to Mr. M'Farland, Mr. Chamberlain, and Mr. Lathrop.

The committee appointed to count the votes for delegates to corresponding bodies reported, when it appeared that the following persons are duly elected, viz.:

Rev. Frederick A. Ross, Rev. Edward N. Kirk, and Rev. Nicholas Murray to attend the General Association of Connecticut.

Rev. Frederick A. Ross and Rev. Edward N. Kirk to attend the General Association of Massachusetts.

Rev. John P. Cleaveland, to attend the General Association of New Hampshire and the General Convention of Vermont. Rev. Josiah Hopkins was appointed the alternate of Mr. Cleaveland.

Rev. Nicholas Murray, to attend the Evangelical Consociation of Rhode Island and the General Conference of Maine.

Rev. Mark Tucker, D. D., and Mr. Peter Boyd, ruling elder, to attend the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church.

And the Rev. William Patton to attend the General Synod of the German Reformed Church.

The committee to whom was committed Overture No. 4, viz.: a request from the Presbytery of Ohio on the subject of paying contingent expenses from the proceeds of the permanent funds, made the following report, which was adopted, viz.: That until within the last five or six years it was the practice to use so much of the permanent missionary fund as was needful to defray the contingent expenses of the Assembly. At that time, however, it was decided to be incompatible with the original design of that fund, since which time no such appropriation of it has been made, and, in the opinion of this Assembly, no such appropriation should be made.

Reports from the Presbyteries on the state of religion were received, and handed to the committee appointed to draw up the narrative.

The Assembly proceeded, agreeably to the order of the day, to the election

of a Stated Clerk, in the place of the Rev. Dr. Ezra S. Ely; when other nominations were withdrawn, and the Rev. John M'Dowell, D. D., was unanimously elected.

Resolved, That the late Stated Clerk transfer to Dr. M'Dowell, his successor, all the books, papers, and effects of the Assembly in his hands.

The committee appointed by the last Assembly on the subject of Slavery, made a report, which was accepted, and is as follows, viz.:

The committee to whom were referred, by the last General Assembly, sundry memorials and other papers touching the subject of Slavery, with directions to report thereon to the General Assembly of 1836, beg leave to report—

That, after the most mature deliberation which they have been able to bestow on the interesting and important subject referred to them, they would most respectfully recommend to the General Assembly the adoption of the following preamble and resolutions, viz.:

Whereas, The subject of Slavery is inseparably connected with and regulated by the laws of many of the States in this Union, with which it is by no means proper for an ecclesiastical judicatory to interfere; and involves many considerations in regard to which great diversity of opinion and intensity of feeling are known to exist in the churches represented in this Assembly; *and whereas*, there is every reason to believe that any action on the part of the Assembly in reference to this subject would tend to distract and divide our churches, and would, probably, in no wise promote the benefit of those whose welfare is immediately contemplated in the memorials in question; therefore,

1. *Resolved*, That it is not expedient for the Assembly to take any further order in relation to this subject.

2. *Resolved*, That, as the *notes* which have been expunged from our public formularies, and which some of the memorials referred to the committee request to have restored, were introduced irregularly—never had the sanction of the Church—and therefore never possessed any real authority, the General Assembly has no power to assign them a place in the authorized standards of the Church, and does not deem it proper to take the constitutional measures for effecting their restoration.

The consideration of the above report was made the order of the day for Monday morning next at 10 o'clock.

The Rev. James H. Dickey, one of the committee on Slavery, who dissented from the above report, made a counter report, which is as follows;

The minority of the committee to whom were referred sundry petitions and memorials on the subject of Slavery, which had been presented to the last Assembly from different parts of the Church, have had that subject under consideration, and beg leave to lay before the present Assembly the result of their deliberations.

Since the last Assembly, the discussions on the subject of Slavery have been conducted in a spirit of extreme excitement, and a strong reckless feeling of party zeal has manifested itself in some places, even within the pale of the Church; and sentiments have been avowed which are at war with the genius of our government, and strike at the very foundations of our civil and religious liberties. It appears to us, after the most dispassionate review of the whole subject of which we are capable, that at such a time as this, when sentiments are advanced, and claims are set up, so inconsistent with the civil and religious rights of the poor, and with the long-settled and expressed doctrines of the Presbyterian Church, if the Assembly should altogether hold their peace (especially after the pledge given year before last to our brethren in Scotland), they would be recreant to the cause of truth

and mercy, false to their brethren, and unfaithful to Him who has set them as watchmen on Zion's wall and commanded them to cry aloud and not spare. We, therefore, propose the following as the declaration of the Assembly on that subject.

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America continue to declare their unwavering and undiminished attachment to those principles of liberty which are so clearly expressed in the Declaration of Independence and in the Federal and State constitutions of these United States. They do unhesitatingly believe that *all men* are by nature free and equal, and are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, among which are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

We rejoice to know that Presbyterians have been, from time immemorial, the advocates and defenders of civil and religious liberty. The Puritans of England and the Reformers of Scotland, from whom we claim to be descended, were the uncompromising opposers of tyranny, and waded through seas of difficulty, and were baptized with their own blood, for centuries, to achieve liberty. And when they could not enjoy it in Europe, they fled to the wilds of America, and braved the dangers and the toils of settling a new world, that they might there enjoy the blessings of liberty, which they had in vain struggled to obtain in the land of their fathers. To this new world they brought the seeds of those liberal sentiments which produced the Revolution, and which have been embodied in the constitutions of these confederated republics, where we live and enjoy so many privileges.

These sentiments have been avowed by several former Assemblies; and this Assembly are cordial in the declaration that every peaceable member of society ought to be protected in the full and free exercise of his religion, it being his indefeasible, inalienable right, to worship God according to his understanding of the sacred oracles. The Assembly have also from time to time expressed unfeigned regret that a state of things inconsistent with the above expressed sentiments should obtain in any part of our country. The slavery of the Africans and their descendants not only continues, but is becoming more and more deeply rooted in the land, and intimately incorporated with the very frame of civil society; and even within the pale of the Church it begins to claim a lodgment, not by indulgence merely, but as of right.

The hope has been indulged and expressed by former Assemblies that a state of things so inconsistent with the maxims of Christianity would yield to the light of Divine truth, and be destroyed by the brightness of the Gospel, without the direct exercise of discipline; and hence the Church has been exhorted to the exercise of patient forbearance toward those who were entangled in its snares. But, instead of realizing that hope, the Church has found herself more deeply involved in its toils, and, in some parts, in danger of being crushed in its folds. Inasmuch, then, as past forbearance has been used, not to put away the evil, but to give it strength, fortify its positions, and spread a shield around it to defend it against the shafts of divine truth, it seems, therefore, needful and incumbent that the Church take a more firm and decided stand on this subject.

Slavery, similar to that which exists in the United States, prevailed extensively in the heathen world when the Gospel was first published; but it was destroyed, with all the other institutions of heathenism, by the power of primitive Christianity; whereas instead of declining, it has attained a fearful maturity under our administrations—a sure evidence that we have not treated it as the Apostles and primitive Christians did.

Instead of being based on the same foundation as the other relations of life, "slavery creates a paradox in the moral system." It exhibits moral,

accountable, and immortal beings as mere chattels—things of bargain and sale—scarcely possessing the power of moral action. It holds them who were created, equally with ourselves, lords of this world, to be mere appendages to the existence and comfort of another. It breaks in upon all the divinely constituted relations of life, and violates their claims. Under its rule the marriage relation, the source of all others, cannot exist; and in its stead is introduced a debasing and corrupting system of universal concubinage. It forbids children to honor and obey their parents, and renders it impossible for parents to train up their children according to the divine direction. It deprives female chastity of its protection, and opens the floodgates of licentiousness. In a word, it violates the claims of all the social relations of God's appointment, and puts the property, the morals, and even the life of the slave, in the power of the master. It is, therefore, an institution contrary to nature—unsanctioned by the divine law of love. The authority it claims is usurpation, and the subjection it demands is unreasonable. The whole system is at war with the divine institutions. It is therefore *sin —essentially* SIN—and all its claims are founded in injustice. Its withering influence and its ruinous effects are seen, felt, and acknowledged wherever it has obtained a footing.

"Such," to use the language of the Assembly of 1818, "is the character, and some of the consequences of slavery—consequences not imaginary, but which connect themselves with its very existence." God declares himself to be the friend and protector of the *stranger*, the *widow*, and the *fatherless:* but every black man in the United States is a stranger (an alien)—every slave-mother is a widow (destitute of the guardianship of a husband)—and all her children are fatherless. God has placed his Church in the world to be a light to the world, and he requires her to set a good example. And how much soever the world may affect to despise the Church, it has always taken its standard of morals from her. And no evil can long maintain its hold in society, against which the Church continues to bear a clear and consistent testimony. Hence the manifest equity of the divine maxim, that judgment should begin at the house of God.

God's express command is, "Open thy mouth for the dumb in the cause of all such as are appointed to destruction. Open thy mouth, judge righteously, and plead the cause of the poor and needy" (Prov. xxxi. 8, 9). It is then plainly the duty of all ecclesiastical bodies, in their associated capacity, as well as of every minister and elder, and every private member of the Church, to hold up a most decided, consistent, and persevering testimony against the crying sin of *slavery*. Therefore, as the sense of this Assembly, *Resolved*,

1. That the buying, selling, or holding of a human being as property, is, in the sight of God, a heinous sin, and ought to subject the doer of it to the censures of the Church.

2. That it is the duty of every one, and especially of every Christian who may be involved in this sin, to free himself from its entanglements without delay.

3. That it is the duty of every one, and especially of every Christian, in the meekness and firmness of the gospel to plead the cause of the poor and needy, by testifying against the principle and practice of slaveholding; and to use his best endeavors to deliver the Church of God from this evil; and to bring about the emancipation of the slaves in these United States and throughout the world.

This report also was made the order of the day for Monday morning next at 10 o'clock.

Resolutions on the subject of foreign missions, from the Synod of Philadel-

phia, were received and committed to the committee on the transfer of the Western Foreign Missionary Society.

The Judicial Committee reported as in order judicial business Nos. 2, 3, 4, and 5, which were put on the docket.

Resolved, That judicial business No. 4, viz.: The appeal and complaint of the Rev. Albert Barnes, relative to a decision of the Synod of Philadelphia by which he has been suspended from the gospel ministry, and other appeals and complaints connected with the case of Mr. Barnes, be made the order of the day for this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

The committee to whom was referred the report of the committee appointed by the last Assembly on procuring the transfer of Fleming's edition of the Assembly's Psalms and Hymns, reported the following resolutions, which were adopted, viz.:

1. *Resolved*, That the articles of agreement between the aforesaid committee and Joseph Whetham, and also between the said committee and George Fleming, be and the same are hereby ratified by this Assembly.

2. *Resolved*, That the transfer by George Fleming of all his right and title to the copyright of said Psalm and Hymn Book to the Trustees of the General Assembly be, and the same is hereby, agreed to by this Assembly, on the terms specified in the transfer.

3. *Resolved*, That the said Psalm and Hymn Book be, and it is hereby, authorized to be used in all the churches under the care of this Assembly.

Resolved, That the next General Assembly meet in the Central Church in the city of Philadelphia.

Rev. Dr. Justin Edwards, Corresponding Secretary of the American Temperance Society, by leave addressed the Assembly.

Resolved, That the communications of Dr. Edwards be committed to Dr. Hoge, Mr. J. Ford, and Mr. Squier.

Adjourned till this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

Monday afternoon, 3 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and began with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The Committee of Commissions reported the following additional members, who took their seats, viz.: from the Presbytery of Kaskaskia, Mr. Washington A. G. Posey, ruling elder; and from the General Association of Connecticut, Rev. Thomas F. Davies.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Assembly took up the appeal and complaint of the Rev. Albert Barnes, with the appeals and complaints connected with his case.

The Moderator read the rule reminding the members of their high character as judges of a court of Jesus Christ, and the solemn duty in which they are about to act.

The sentence appealed from, the appeal and complaint of Mr. Barnes, with his reasons for the same, and the complaints of Dr. Ely and others, as far as connected with the case of Mr. Barnes, were read; the proceedings of the Synod of Philadelphia on record were then read in part.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

Tuesday morning, May 24th, 9 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and began with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The Committee of Commissions reported Rev. Horace S. Pratt as a Commissioner from the Presbytery of Georgia.

The committee to make arrangements for the religious exercises of Wednesday, made the following report, which was adopted, viz.:

1, The Moderator to state the design of the exercises, and to give out a Psalm or Hymn; 2, Dr. Palmer to lead in prayer; 3, Reading the Scriptures, by the Rev. Mr. Clement; 4, Dr. Hoge to make an address; 5, Psalm or Hymn, and prayer, by Dr. Allen; 6, Reading the Scriptures, by Mr. Cleaveland; 7, Exhortation, by Dr. Gosman; 8, Prayer, Doxology, and Benediction, by Mr. Chamberlain.

The committee further reported the following as the order of exercises, at the administration of the Lord's Supper, on the next Sabbath afternoon, viz.. 1, Psalm or Hymn, and prayer, by Mr. Boies; 2, Introductory address, by Mr. McFarland; 3, Setting apart the elements by prayer, and distributing them, by Dr. Miller; 4, Address to the communicants, by Dr. Skinner; 5, Concluding prayer, by Mr. Armistead; and 6, Concluding Psalm or Hymn, and Benediction, by Dr. Hoge.

The Committee of Overtures reported Overtures Nos. 11, 12, 13, 14, and 15.

Overture No. 11, viz.: Two overtures from the Synod of Albany, the first on non-resident members of Presbyteries, and the second on the contingent fund and printing the minutes, was committed to the committee on Overture No. 10—viz. Mr. McFarland, Mr. Chamberlain, and Mr. Lathrop.

Overture No. 12, viz.: A memorial from the Presbytery of Londonderry, on the subject of evangelists, was committed to Mr. Pratt, Mr. Armistead, and Mr. Edwards.

Overture No. 13, viz.: The two following questions from the Presbytery of Erie, viz.: "1. Can a minister with one elder form a Session capable of transacting judicial business? 2. When an elder has been suspended from church privileges for an offence, and again restored to the church privileges of a member, is he also restored to his office as an elder?" was committed to Mr. Caruthers, Mr. Koontz, and Mr. A. Platt.

Overture No. 14, viz.: On the subject of preparing a new Digest, was committed to Mr. Winchester, Mr. Brainerd, and Mr. Culbertson.

Overture No. 15, viz.: A request from the Synod of Ohio, in reference to the Cumberland Presbyterians, was committed to Mr. J. Ford, Mr. Graves, and Mr. Whitaker.

The Judicial Committee reported that the complaint of E. W. Gilbert and others in relation to the Synod of Philadelphia for dissolving the church at Newark; also the complaint of E. W. Gilbert and others against the decision of the Synod of Philadelphia, dissolving the Presbytery of Wilmington; and also the complaint of St. George's Church against the same Synod for dissolving the Presbytery of Wilmington,—are informal, there being no evidence before the committee that due notice of said complaints was given to the Synod of Philadelphia. This report was laid on the table.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the report of the Board of Missions was read by the Corresponding Secretary, the Rev. Dr. William A. M'Dowell.

This report was accepted, and referred to the Board for publication.

The following extract from the Minutes of the Board of Missions was presented by the Secretary, viz.:

"*Resolved*, That the Board of Missions have power to make persons honorary members of the same by the payment of a sum to be specified by the Board; and that persons thus made honorary members shall have a right to sit in the meetings of the Board and engage in their deliberations, but shall have no right to vote."

The above resolution was adopted by the Assembly.

The Assembly resumed the case of Mr. Barnes, and progressed in reading the proceedings of the Synod of Philadelphia.

In the course of the reading of these proceedings the following paper was introduced, and ordered to be entered on the minutes, viz.:

Although we feel that we might take exception to the unauthenticated and incorrect document which has been read from the printed appendix of the minutes of Synod, as the decision of our Presbytery in the case of Dr. Junkin *versus* Mr. Barnes, yet having produced an authenticated document of the Presbytery ourselves, and desiring, and never having had any other than a sincere desire, for a full and impartial examination of this case, we hereby waive all objection, and express our wish that the Assembly will proceed in the trial of this case.

E. Phelps, James Patterson, George Duffield, Elijah Dechert, A. White.

Adjourned till this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

Tuesday afternoon, 3 *o'clock.*

The Assembly met, and began with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the report of the Board of Education was read by Rev. Francis McFarland, the Corresponding Secretary. After some remarks it was committed to Mr. McFarland to make certain modifications and report them to the Assembly.

The Assembly resumed the case of Mr. Barnes, and finished reading the proceedings of the Synod, on record, in the case.

Adjourned for business till to-morrow afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

Wednesday afternoon, May 25th, 3 *o'clock.*

The Assembly met, and began with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The Committee of Commissions reported as an additional member, John Ingram, M. D., a ruling elder from the Presbytery of Western District.

The Assembly spent the forenoon in public religious exercises, agreeably to the report of the committee of arrangements.

The annual report of the Directors of the Union Theological Seminary was read and accepted, and ordered to be printed in the Appendix to the Minutes.

The committee to whom was referred the report of the committee on the transfer of the Western Foreign Missionary Society, and an overture on the same subject from the Synod of Philadelphia, made a report, which was accepted, and is as follows:

The committee to whom was referred the report of the committee appointed by the last Assembly on the subject of a transfer of the supervision of the Western Foreign Missionary Society to the General Assembly, and also the overture from the Synod of Philadelphia on the subject of foreign missions, report—That the attention of the last Assembly was called to the subject of foreign missions by the following overture, viz., on page 31 of printed minutes: "That it is the solemn conviction of this General Assembly, that the Presbyterian Church owes it, as a sacred duty to her glorified Head, to yield a far more exemplary obedience, and that in her *distinctive* character as a Church, to the command which he gave at his ascension into heaven, 'Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature.' It is believed to be among the causes of the frowns of the great Head of the Church which are now resting on our beloved Zion, in the declension of vital piety, and the

disorders and divisions that distract us, that we have done so little—comparatively nothing—in our distinctive character as a Church of Christ, to send the Gospel to the heathen, to the Jews, and the Mohammedans. It is regarded as of vital importance to the welfare of our Church that foreign as well as domestic missions should be more zealously prosecuted, and more liberally patronized; and that as a nucleus of foreign missionary effort and operation the Western Foreign Missionary Society should receive the countenance, as it appears to us to merit the confidence, of those who cherish an attachment to the doctrines and order of the Church to which we belong."

The Assembly feeling the force of the suggestions contained in this overture, and believing it to be their most important and appropriate work, to spread the Gospel throughout the world, adopted the overture in the form of a resolution, together with the following, viz.:

"*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to confer with the Synod of Pittsburgh on the subject of a transfer of a supervision of the Western Foreign Missionary Society, now under the direction of that Synod; to ascertain the terms on which such transfer can be made; to devise and digest a plan of conducting foreign missions under the direction of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church; and report the whole to the next General Assembly."

Thus it appears that the proposition to confer with the Synod, and to assume the supervision and control of the Western Foreign Missionary Society, originated in the Assembly.

At that time the Western Foreign Missionary Society was in a prosperous condition, enjoying the confidence and receiving the patronage of a considerable number of our churches, having in their employ about twenty missionaries, and their funds were unembarrassed. The committee having conferred with some of the members of that society, and finding that the proposition was favorably regarded by them, indulging the hope that an arrangement might be definitely made with the Synod, at their next stated meeting, by which the Assembly would be prepared to enter on the work at their present sessions, brought the subject again before the Assembly, when it was, after mature deliberation,

"*Resolved*, That the committee appointed to confer with the Synod of Pittsburgh on the subject of a transfer of the supervision of the Western Foreign Missionary Society to the General Assembly, be *authorized*, if they shall approve of the said transfer, to ratify and confirm the same with the said Synod, and report the same to the next General Assembly."—p. 33.

The committee thus appointed, and clothed with full powers to ratify and confirm a transfer, submitted the terms on which they were willing to accept it, to the Synod of Pittsburgh at their sessions last fall.

The members of the committee not being present at the meeting of the Synod, and there being no time for further correspondence, the Synod (although they would have preferred some alterations of the terms) were precluded from proposing any, on the ground that such alteration would vitiate the whole proceedings, and therefore acceded to the terms of the transfer which were *proposed* by the committee of the Assembly, and solemnly ratified the contract on *their part*. Feeling themselves bound by the same, and trusting to the good faith of this body, they have acted accordingly, and have made no provision for their missionaries now in the field for a longer time than the meeting of this Assembly, having informed them of the transfer which has taken place, and of the new relation they would sustain to this body after their present sessions.

It appears then to your committee that the Assembly have entered into a *solemn* compact with the Synod of Pittsburgh, and that there remains but

one righteous course to pursue, which is to adopt the report of the committee appointed last year, and to appoint a Foreign Missionary Board. To pause now, or to annul the doings of the last Assembly in this matter, would be obviously a violation of contract, a breach of trust, and a departure from that good faith which should be sacredly kept between man and man, and especially between Christian societies—conduct which would be utterly unworthy of this venerable body and highly injurious to the Western Foreign Missionary Society.

The committee beg leave further respectfully to remind the Assembly that a large proportion of our churches (being Presbyterians from conviction and preference) feel it to be consistent not only, but their solemn duty in the sight of God, to impart to others the same good, and in the same form of it which they enjoy themselves, and to be represented in heathen lands by missionaries of their own denomination. They greatly prefer such an organization as this contemplated, and which shall be under the care of the Presbyterian Church, and cannot be enlisted so well in the great and glorious work of sending the Gospel to the heathen under any other. Already, with the blessing of the great Head of the Church on the efforts of the Western Foreign Missionary Society, in this form of operation, has a missionary spirit been awakened among them to considerable extent, and an interest in the cause of missions been created never before felt by them. They have furnished *men* for the work, and are contributing cheerfully to their support in the foreign field.

As one great end to be accomplished by all who love the Redeemer is to awaken and cherish a missionary *spirit*, and to enlist all the churches in the work of evangelizing the world; as every leading Christian denomination in the world has its own foreign missionary board, and has found such distinct organization the most effectual method of interesting the churches under their care, in this great subject; as such an organization cannot interfere with the rights or *operations* of any other similar organization, for the field is the world, and is *wide* enough for all to cultivate; as it is neither desired nor intended to dictate to any in this matter, but simply to give an opportunity of sending the Gospel to the heathen, by their own missionaries, to those who prefer this mode of doing so, giving them that liberty which they cheerfully accord to others,—your committee cannot suppose for a moment that this General Assembly will in this stage of the proceedings refuse to consummate this arrangement with the Synod of Pittsburgh, and thus prevent so many churches under their care from supporting their missionaries in their own way. From this view of the case, they recommend to the Assembly the adoption of the following resolutions, viz.:

1. *Resolved*, That the *report* of the committee appointed by the last Assembly, to confer with the Synod of Pittsburgh on the subject of a transfer of the Western Foreign Missionary Society to the General Assembly, be adopted, and that said transfer be accepted on the terms of agreement therein contained.

2. *Resolved*, That the Assembly will proceed to appoint a Foreign Missionary Board, the seat of whose operations shall be in the city of New York.

The above report was made the order of the day for to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Nominations were made to fill the vacancies in the Board of Missions, and the election was made the order of the day for to-morrow afternoon at 3 o'clock.

The committee to whom was referred the proceedings of the Presbytery of Bedford in the case of Mr. Alexander Leadbetter, reported that they find the proceedings of that Presbytery to have been regular, according to the

rules of the General Assembly provided in the case of receiving a foreign minister or licentiate; and having examined all the papers and credentials of Mr. Leadbetter which were submitted to the Presbytery, they find them to be credible and sufficient; and recommend that his reception by the Presbytery of Bedford be approved by the General Assembly.

This report was adopted.

The case of Mr. Barnes was resumed.

The following papers were offered, and ordered to be entered on the minutes, viz.:

I offer to the Assembly the paper called "an appendix" as the records furnished by the Presbytery in my case, and request that it may be read, as containing evidence which I deem important, which was before the Presbytery, and which was not before the Synod.

ALBERT BARNES.

The prosecutor in the case of Mr. Barnes, and the committee appointed by the Synod of Philadelphia to defend their decision in the same case, hereby agree to the introduction of the document entitled "an appendix, etc." Not, however, as a part of the records of the inferior judicatory, but as testimony adduced by the appellant to substantiate any statements which he has made or may yet make.

GEORGE JUNKIN.

S. G. WINCHESTER, G. W. MUSGRAVE, DAVID M'KINNEY, } *Committee of Synod of Philadelphia.*

I object to the paper book, called "an appendix, etc.," being read as a part of record: 1, Because it is not, nor does it profess to be, the original record or a transcript of the same. 2, Because it is not a full and true history of the case, nor does it profess so to be, page 1. 3, Because the omission of it in the record can do injustice to no party, inasmuch as no objection will be made to Mr. Barnes using the parts here transcribed, or any other parts of his Notes on Romans, as originally published, on this trial. 4, Because the admission of a defective record would not be according to truth, and would therefore be injurious to the prosecutor.

GEORGE JUNKIN.

The document called "the appendix, numbered from pp. 1 to 58, inclusive, containing the trial, testimony of the parties Junkin and Barnes, and final decision of the Second Presbytery of Philadelphia in the said case of Junkin and Barnes," was read.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning at half-past 8 o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

Thursday morning, May 26, half-past 8 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and began with prayer.

The Committee of Commissions reported an additional member, viz.: Mr. Warner M. Lewis, ruling elder, from the Presbytery of Orange.

A report from the Trustees of the General Assembly was received and read by their Treasurer, Mr. Robert H. Smith. This report was accepted, and committed to Mr. Jessup, Mr. Lenox, Mr. Dunn, Mr. G. T. Snowden, and Mr. R. Stuart.

The Treasurer of the Trustees laid his book on the table for the inspection of the members.

The Judicial Committee reported that the Rev. Dr. Joshua L. Wilson requested leave to withdraw his appeal in the case of the Rev. Dr. Lyman Beecher, which was granted.

The Assembly, agreeably to the order of the day, took up the report of

the committee to whom was referred the report of the committee of the last Assembly on the transfer of the Western Foreign Missionary Society.

Dr. Skinner, one of the committee, who dissented from this report, made a counter report, which was read, accepted, and is as follows:

Whereas, The American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions has been connected with the Presbyterian Church from the year of its incorporation by the very elements of its existence; and whereas at the present time the majority of the whole of that board are Presbyterians; and whereas, as it is undesirable, in conducting the work of foreign missions, that there should be any collision at home or abroad; therefore,

Resolved, That it is inexpedient that the Assembly should organize a separate foreign missionary institution.

A motion was made to adopt the report of the committee; after considerable discussion, a motion was made to postpone the motion for adoption of the committee's report, with a view to take up the report of Dr. Skinner. While this motion was under discussion the Assembly adjourned till this afternoon at half-past 2 o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

Thursday afternoon, half-past 2 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and began with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The Assembly proceeded, agreeably to the order of the day, to elect persons to fill the vacancies in the Board of Missions. The ballots were taken, and committed to Mr. S. S. Davis, Mr. Ross, and Mr. Barton to count them and report the result to the Assembly.

The Assembly resumed the unfinished business of this morning—viz. the postponement of the motion for the adoption of the report of the committee on the transfer of the Western Foreign Missionary Society; after considerable time spent on the subject, the further consideration of it was suspended, to give an opportunity to the committee appointed to count the votes for members of the Board of Missions to report. The committee reported, when it appeared that the following persons are elected for *four* years, viz.:

Ministers.	Laymen.
Ashbel Green, D. D.	Robert Smith,
Archibald Alexander, D. D.	Ananias Platt,
Gardiner Spring, D. D.	Moses Allen,
William W. Phillips, D. D.	George Douglass,
William D. Snodgrass, D. D.	Gilbert T. Snowden,
Eli S. Hunter, D. D.	Alexander Symington.
Elias W. Crane,	
John Johnston,	
George W. Musgrave,	
Thomas Hoge.	

That Rev. William B. Sprague, D. D., and Rev. Henry R. Weed are elected for *three* years in the place of Rev William Nevins, D. D., and Rev. James Magraw, D. D., deceased; and that the Rev. William L. Breckinridge is elected for *one* year, in the place of Rev. Ezra S. Ely, D. D., resigned.

The Assembly resumed the subject of the transfer of the Western Foreign Missionary Society, and it was further discussed.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning at half-past 8 o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

Friday morning, May 27th, half-past 8 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and began with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The Assembly resumed the consideration of the unfinished business of last evening—viz. the transfer of the Western Foreign Missionary Society. The forenoon was spent in the discussion of this subject.

Adjourned till this afternoon at half-past 2 o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

Friday afternoon, half-past 2 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and began with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

Dr. Hoge, from the committee appointed by the last Assembly on the right of ministers without charges to a seat in our judicatories, reported that the committee had not been able to agree on a report, but that some members of the committee had committed their sentiments to writing, which Dr. Hoge submitted. The report of Dr. Hoge was put upon the docket.

The Committee of Overtures reported Overture No. 16—viz.: the petition of certain members of the church of Clarksville, Montgomery county, Tennessee, to have said church and adjacent territory set off from the Synod of Kentucky and attached to the Synod of West Tennessee. This overture was referred to the Committee on Overture No. 6, in relation to the boundaries of the Synod of West Tennessee—viz.: Mr. Van Court, Mr. Newton, and Mr. Coolidge.

The unfinished business of the morning—viz.: the transfer of the Western Foreign Missionary Society, was resumed; and after considerable discussion, the question was taken on the motion to postpone the motion for adopting the report of the committee, to take up the report of Dr. Skinner, and was decided in the negative. The yeas and nays were ordered to be recorded, and are as follows, viz.:

For the postponement—

Messrs. Stearns, Hoyt, Fleming, Griffith, J. N. Lewis, Edwards, Fellowes, Rockwell, Cannon, Pettibone, Sacket, B. B. Hotchkin, Savage, Coolidge, Graves, Squier, Whitaker, Stevens, Lathrop, Pomeroy, Reed, Cook, Town, M. Ford, W. Platt, D. Platt, J. H. Hotchkin, Frost, Wells, Hart, Downs, Blanchard, Walker, Joseph Johnson, Selden, Wisner, Goodrich, Pitts, Thompson, Wing, D. Johnson, Adams, Murray, Gooding, Lord, Bradley, Heacock, French, A. Johnson, A. S. Allen, Wickham, Tuthill, Peters, Skinner, Leavitt, Holbrook, J. Ford, E. Allen, Ward, P. A. Johnson, Potter, Stow, Jessup, J. Patterson (Philadelphia 2d), Duffield, White, Dechert, Hamill, G. W. Kennedy, Fitch, Richmond, J. Parmelee, Seward, Preston, En. Conger, Strong, D. Millar, Talcott, Noyes, H. Kingsbury, Crosby, Cleaveland, R. Stuart, Humphrey, McGaffey, Beach, Geddes, A. Kingsbury, Amlin, Spaulding, Brainerd, Carey, Mulford, Kittredge, Martin, Jennings, Post, Dashiell, Lathy, Bergen, Lamb, Gridley, Stickel, McCoy, Chamberlain, Lovejoy, Ker, Cochran, Mahan, Brown, Glassel, Wharey, Armistead, J. W. Wilson, Payne, H. Smith, D. F. Palmer, J. Smith, Montgomery, Harrison, Eagleton, Clift, Ross, Lucky, Carson, McSween, Labaree, Bradshaw, Baird, J. Allen, D. A. Smith, B. M. Palmer, Newton—Yeas, 133.

Against the postponement—

Messrs. Bartley, McQuestin, James, Koontz, A. Platt, McMartin, Sweezy, Curtiss, Cooper, Downer, Hopkins, J. V. Henry, Minor, Youngs, Nimmo, Phillips, Marshall, Lenox, S. Boyd, McElroy, W. Wallace (New York 2d), El. Conger, Barton, J. M. Ogden, S. Miller, B. Ogden, Seabrook, Brearley, Castner, J. Campbell, J. Kennedy, Stinson, Henderson, Janvier, Winchester, Woodward, Hughes, Neill, Douglass, Cunningham, Symmes, J. Patterson

(New Castle), Musgrave, George, Bosworth, Coyle, Quay, I. W. Snowden, Sharon, McClure, McKinney, J. Porter, N. Todd, Ferguson, Coulter, McCurdy, Stoneroad, Ewing, Alexander, Ray, Miller, Joseph Smith, Anderson, Eaton, R. Porter, Alrich, McFarren, Vallandingham, Write, R. Johnson, Harbeson, J. Wilson, Hoge, Taylor, Van Deman, J. Boyd, Rowland, Culbertson, Hanna, Elliot, W. Wallace (Lancaster), R. Smith, J. Rankin, McGarraugh, Galloway, Scovil, Swan, Bishop, Dunn, M. G. Wallace, Weaver, Donnell, Spilman, Posey, Breckinridge, Bemiss, Curry, McDowell, Price, Berryman, D. S. Todd, Collins, Williamson, McFarland, McElhenny, T. Baird, R. H. Henry, Caruthers, W. M. Lewis, Graham, McNair, McCallum, Sparrow, Kilpatrick, McCutchan, T. A. Ogden, A. A. Campbell, Ingram, Lewers, McClintock, J. L. R. Davies, S. S. Davis, Dunlap, Nesbit, G. T. Snowden, Pratt, J. S. Wilson, Van Court, F. H. Porter, Borden, T. C. Stuart, Morrow, Gray, Hutchison—Nays, 134.

A letter was received from the Directors of the Pittsburgh Board of Trade, communicating the following resolution, viz.:

"*Resolved*, That the use of the Reading Room of the Pittsburgh Board of Trade be tendered to the members of the General Assembly during their stay in this city."

Resolved, That the invitation be accepted, and that the thanks of the General Assembly be presented to the Directors of said Board.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning at half-past 8 o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

Saturday morning, May 28th, half-past 8 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and began with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The Committee of Commissions reported as additional members of the Assembly the Rev. Stephen Crosby, from the Presbytery of Geneva, and Mr. Parley Coburn, ruling elder, from the Presbytery of Susquehanna.

The delegate from the General Conference of Maine presented to the Assembly a number of copies of the minutes of the last meeting of that body.

Rev. Robert Steel, a delegate to the last meeting of the German Reformed Synod, made a written report, which was read and accepted.

A written report was received from Mr. George Fleming on the subject of his edition of the Assembly's Psalms and Hymns, which was accepted and ordered to be printed in the Appendix to the Minutes.

The following resolution was offered by Dr. Graham, viz.:

Resolved, That if the Synods of Virginia and North Carolina should deem such a measure expedient and proper, the Assembly will consent to the withdrawal of the moneys now held by the Assembly's Board of Trustees, belonging to the Union Theological Seminary, at such time and in such manner as those Synods may direct.

This resolution was committed to Dr. McElroy, Mr. Wallace of New York, and Mr. Nesbit.

Resolved, That it be the order of the day for Wednesday morning next, at 9 o'clock, to receive the reports of the committees appointed on the Synodical records.

The report of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary at Princeton, which was laid on the table, was taken up, and committed to the committee on the report of the Trustees of the General Assembly.

The appeal of Mr. Barnes was resumed.—Mr. Barnes was heard in part, in support of his appeal.

Adjourned till Monday morning at 8 o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

Monday morning, May 30th, 8 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and began with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

On motion of Dr. Miller, it was *Resolved*, That a committee of thirty be appointed on the state of the Church.

The following persons were appointed this committee, viz.: Dr. Miller, Dr. Skinner, Dr. Hoge, Mr. Cleaveland, Mr. McFarland, Mr. Wharey, Mr. Stoneroad, Mr. B. B. Hotchkin, Mr. Koontz, Mr. Brainerd, Dr. Neill, Mr. Bergen, Dr. Graham, Dr. Allen, Mr. Lewers, Mr. Labaree, Mr. Patterson, Mr. Pratt, ministers; and Mr. Edwards, Mr. Lenox, Mr. White, Mr. Jessup, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Eagleton, Mr. G. T. Snowden, Dr. Morrow, Mr. A. Platt, Mr. J. Wilson, Mr. Nesbit, and Mr. R. Stuart, elders.

The Assembly resumed the appeal of Mr. Barnes.—Mr. Barnes was further heard in support of his appeal, until 10 o'clock; when the order of the day—viz. the report of the committee on the subject of Slavery—was postponed, to be taken up immediately after the issue of the appeal of Mr. Barnes, and Mr. Barnes continued in support of his appeal until the time of adjournment.

Adjourned till this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

Monday afternoon, 3 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and began with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The Committee of Overtures reported Overture No. 17, viz.: A communication from the Presbytery of Ebenezer, on the subject of changing the time of holding the monthly concert from the first Monday to the first Sabbath in the month, which overture was committed to Mr. D. S. Todd, Mr. Curry, and Mr. Glassel.

The Assembly resumed the appeal of Mr. Barnes, and he was further heard in support of his appeal until he finished.

The Committee on Mileage made the following report, viz.:

The Committee on Mileage report that the contributions paid to the Treasurer of the Trustees of the General Assembly for the Commissioners' fund of the current year amount to one thousand and sixty-six dollars and twenty-two cents; and that the number of miles traveled by the Commissioners, who have given in their mileage, is thirty-two thousand eight hundred and twenty-seven; which at 3¼ cents per mile, amounts to $1066.88. The committee therefore respectfully recommend to the General Assembly, the adoption of the following resolution, viz.:

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the Trustees of the General Assembly be directed to pay to the Commissioners entitled to the Commissioners' fund the sum of $1066.88, being at the rate of 3¼ cents per mile on the distance traveled by them.

The above report was adopted, and the Trustees of the General Assembly were directed to issue their warrant on the Treasurer for the payment from the Commissioners' Fund to the Commissioners the sum of $1066.88, agreeably to the apportionment of the Committee on Mileage.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning at half-past 8 o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

Tuesday morning, May 31st, half-past 8 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and began with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The committee to whom was referred Overture No. 3, being the applica-

tion of the Presbytery of Morganton for a donation to that body of the lands belonging to the Assembly situate in Buncombe county, in the State of North Carolina, made the following report, which was adopted, viz.:

That the lands referred to are a moiety of 20,000 acres bequeathed to the Trustees of the Assembly by the late Dr. Boudinot; that the committee have not been able to ascertain the precise terms of the devise, not having access to the will, but suppose the lands were given for the general fund of the Church; and if such were the case the committee believe the Assembly would not be warranted in granting them to one of the Presbyteries under their care; that it would be establishing a precedent, which might be very injurious in its consequences, for the Assembly to distribute *any portion* of its general and permanent funds to its component and constituent parts.

The committee therefore recommend that the request of the Presbytery be not granted.

The Presbytery asking the grant assign as a reason therefor that the land had never contributed anything to the interests of the Church, but has been an expense and burden, inasmuch as taxes have been regularly paid for it out of the funds of the Church.

They also represent that some portions of the lands have been lost in consequence of adverse claimants, who have entered upon the lands and who hold them by possession. The committee also have learned from the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees that a fund of $400 was bequeathed to the Trustees for the payment of the taxes on these lands, and that the accumulated interest upon that fund now amounts to more than $400.

The committee would therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1. That the Trustees of the Assembly be advised and requested, if it be in accordance with the object for which the lands were given, and not in contravention of the terms of the bequest, to dispose of the said lands in such manner and upon such terms as to them may seem most expedient.

2. That they be requested to appoint immediately an efficient agent, if one can be procured, who shall examine the situation of the lands, and that they be requested to report their proceedings herein, and the situation of the lands, with their annual report to the next General Assembly.

The committee to whom was referred Overture No. 14, on the subject of a new Digest, made the following report, which was adopted, viz.:

That as the want of a new Digest has been felt and expressed by many brethren; as the Minutes of the Assembly have now become too voluminous to be conveniently carried to the places of meeting of the several judicatories; as it is impossible now to supply our ministers and elders with entire sets of the Minutes; and as arrangements may be made for the publication of a new Digest without any expense to the Assembly,—they therefore recommend to the Assembly the following resolutions for adoption, viz.:

1. *Resolved*, That in the judgment of this Assembly it is expedient that a new Digest of the acts and proceedings of the highest judicatory of our Church be prepared and placed within the reach of all our ministers and elders.

2. *Resolved*, That Dr. John McDowell, Mr. Winchester, and Mr. Duffield be a committee to prepare such a Digest, and report the same to this Assembly as soon as practicable, provided the expense of its publication be not defrayed out of the funds of the Assembly.

The Stated Clerk reported that there had been put into his hands about 150 copies of the last annual report of the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, for the members of the Assembly. These reports were committed to Mr. Squier and Mr. Lovejoy to distribute them among the members.

The appeal of Mr. Barnes was resumed.

The Rev. Dr. George Junkin, the original prosecutor, was heard in support of the charges.

Adjourned till this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

Tuesday afternoon, 3 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The Stated Clerk reported that there had been put into his hands about one hundred copies of the printed minutes of the last General Association of Massachusetts, which were committed to Mr. Squier and Mr. Lovejoy to distribute among the members.

The appeal of Mr. Barnes was resumed, and Dr. Junkin was further heard in support of the charges.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning at half-past 8 o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

Wednesday morning, June 1st, half-past 8 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and began with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Assembly proceeded to receive the reports of committees on Synodical records.

The committee on the records of the Synod of Albany reported that the records have not been put into their hands. The committee were discharged.

The committee on the records of the Synod of Michigan reported, and the records were approved.

The committee on the records of the Synod of New York reported, and their report was laid on the table.

The committee on the records of the Synod of New Jersey reported, and the records were approved, with the exception of the absence of the clerk's signature.

The Assembly postponed the further prosecution of the order of the day at present, and resumed the unfinished business of last evening. Dr. Junkin continued in support of the charges against Mr. Barnes until the adjournment.

Adjourned till this afternoon at half-past 2 o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

Wednesday afternoon, half-past 2 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and began with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The committee appointed on Overture No. 13, containing two inquiries from the Presbytery of Erie, made the following report, which was adopted, viz.: That the first inquiry, which is in these words, "Can a minister, with one elder, form a Session capable of transacting judicial business?" is sufficiently answered in the constitution, Form of Government, Chap. ix. sect. 2, where it seems to be implied that cases may occur with infant or feeble churches in which it would be impracticable, for a time, to have more than one elder, and yet be necessary to perform acts of a judicial character. For such the constitution provides; but if there be more than one elder, then two at least, with a minister, are necessary to form a Session.

That the second inquiry in said overture, viz.: "When an elder has been suspended from church privileges for an offence, and again restored to the privileges of the Church, is he also restored to his office as a ruling elder?"

should be answered in the negative. The two things are distinct; and since an elder as well as a minister may be suspended from his office, and not from the communion of the Church, so there may be reasons for continuing his suspension from his office after he is restored to the privileges of the Church. He cannot be restored to the functions of his office without a special and express act of the Session for that purpose, with the acquiescence of the church.

The committees appointed on the records of the Synods of Ohio, Indiana, Utica, Western Reserve, Missouri, Mississippi, Virginia, Tennessee, West Tennessee, Kentucky, Genesee, Pittsburgh, and Illinois reported, and the records were respectively approved.

The committees on the records of the Synods of Philadelphia and Cincinnati reported respectively, and their reports were laid on the table.

The committees on the records of the Synods of Geneva, Alabama, South Carolina and Georgia, and North Carolina reported respectively that the records have not been put into their hands; and the committees were discharged.

The Assembly resumed the appeal of Mr. Barnes. Dr. Junkin was further heard in support of the charges until he finished.

Mr. Barnes then replied, and Dr. Junkin rejoined.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning at half-past 8 o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

Thursday morning, June 2d, half-past 8 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and began with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The committee to whom was referred the resolution respecting the Synods of Virginia and North Carolina withdrawing at such time and in such manner as they may deem proper the moneys belonging to the Union Theological Seminary, now in the hands of the Board of Trustees of this Assembly, made the following report, which was adopted, viz.: That whereas the moneys in question were collected by the agency, and mainly within the bounds, of those Synods; and whereas it is believed that they may be safely invested in the South at a much higher rate of interest than they now bear; therefore, *Resolved*, That whenever the Synods of Virginia and North Carolina shall indicate the desire above mentioned to the Trustees of the General Assembly, the said Trustees be, and they hereby are, authorized to transfer the funds referred to.

Nominations were made for persons to fill the vacancies in the Board of Education, and the election was made the order of the day for to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

The committee to whom was referred the report of the Trustees of the General Assembly in relation to the funds of the Church, made the following report, which was adopted, viz.:

That they have endeavored to give the important subject committed to them the consideration which it demanded; that in the discharge of their duties they have examined the books of the treasurer, and find them in perfect order, exhibiting all the different funds of the Church in a clear and perspicuous manner; that difficulties and perplexities, which had arisen from the fact that for many years the treasurer's books had not been posted up, are removed, and the books and accounts now show the transactions of the Board, in the management of the funds of the Church, in their proper light.

During the past year important changes have been made by the Trustees in some of the funds. Under the suggestions made by a previous General

Assembly the Board have made new and much more productive investments, and by means thereof have not only been able to meet the annual appropriations for the professors' salaries and to pay the arrears of salaries, but have also paid off $2671.09, of the moneys previously borrowed from the permanent funds to meet the orders of the Assembly.

Of this sum, $700 have been repaid to the ED Scholarship. The Directors of the Princeton Seminary, whose report was also referred to your committee, have called the attention of the Assembly to that scholarship, and in relation thereto the committee have only to observe that, in their opinion, the loan which was made from that fund ought to be repaid by the Trustees as soon as the state of the funds will admit, and that in future no loans ought to be made from the permanent funds; and in case loans should be necessary under any resolution of the Assembly, they ought to be drawn from other sources.

The subject of investments in stocks is much better understood by the Board of Trustees than by your committee, and the committee believe the Assembly may place the most implicit confidence as well in the judgment and skill as in the prudence of the Trustees in relation to this whole subject. They therefore only suggest to them, that while it is of importance to secure the increase of revenue which the new investments in bank-stock have yielded and promise to yield in future, yet a due regard is to be had to the safety and permanency of those investments; and taking into consideration the highly important interests dependent upon such security, that greater risk ought not to be run than would be incurred by a prudent man whose family with himself might be dependent upon the investments.

The committee therefore recommend the following resolutions, viz.:

1. *Resolved*, That the General Assembly approve of the proceedings of the Board of Trustees, as detailed in their report of the 10th May last, and direct the Stated Clerk to transmit a copy of this report and these resolutions to that Board, as containing the opinion of the Assembly upon the subjects herein mentioned.

2. *Resolved*, That the Trustees be directed (if it be not inconsistent with the terms and object of the bequest) to dispose of the stock held by them in the United Passaic and Hackensack Bridge Company.

3. *Resolved*, That the report of the Trustees be published in the Appendix to the Minutes.

The annual report of the Directors of the Theological Seminary at Princeton was ordered to be printed in the Appendix to the Minutes of the Assembly.

The Committee on Overtures Nos. 6 and 16, in relation to the boundaries of the Synod of West Tennessee, made a report, which was laid on the table.

The Assembly resumed the unfinished business of yesterday, viz.: the appeal of Mr. Barnes. The Synod were heard, by their committee, in explanation of the grounds of their decision.

Adjourned till this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

Thursday afternoon, 3 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and began with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The committee appointed on Overture No. 2, viz.: What is a vacant church in the sense of the Form of Government, chapter x. sections 3, 4, 5, and chapter viii. section 17, made a report, which was accepted and laid on the table.

The committee on the boundaries of the Synod of Virginia reported in

favor of adopting the resolution of said Synod submitted to the General Assembly. The resolution was adopted, and is as follows, viz.: That the boundary line of the Synod of Virginia should coincide with the northern boundary of the counties of Randolph, Lewis, and Wood, including the whole of those counties in the Synod of Virginia; that the south-western boundary of the Synod of Virginia coincide with the south-western boundary of the counties of Mason and Kenhawa, so as to include the whole of those counties in the Synod of Virginia, and then making New River, from its mouth, the boundary between this Synod and the Synod of Tennessee, so as to include that part of the county of Montgomery east of New River in the Synod of Virginia, but leaving that part of the counties of Wythe and Grayson lying east of New River to belong to the Synod of Tennessee.

The Assembly resumed the case of Mr. Barnes. The original parties and all the members of the Synod then withdrew.

A question was raised by Mr. Cunningham, an elder from the Synod of Philadelphia, who was not a member of Synod at the meeting at which the case of Mr. Barnes was tried and issued, whether he has a right to vote in this case in the Assembly. After some discussion the Moderator decided that Mr. Cunningham and any other members of the Assembly from that Synod similarly situated have a right to vote in the Assembly. From this decision of the Moderator an appeal was taken, when by a vote of the Assembly the decision of the Moderator was *not* sustained; and it was decided that Mr. Cunningham and others similarly situated have no right to vote on the case in the Assembly.

A motion was then made that Dr. Skinner and Mr. Dashiell, who at the time the trial was commenced in the 2d Presbytery of Philadelphia were either not dismissed from that body or had not yet connected themselves with any other, though they did not meet with the Presbytery, and before the meeting of Synod were members of other Presbyteries, should not sit in judgment in the case of Mr. Barnes. This motion was decided in the negative.

The Assembly proceeded to call the roll to give the members an opportunity to express their opinions in the case of Mr. Barnes, and having made some progress in this business,

Adjourned till to-morrow morning at half-past 8 o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

Friday morning, June 3d, half-past 8 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and began with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The Assembly proceeded agreeably to the order of the day to elect persons to fill the vacancies in the Board of Education. The ballots were taken, and committed to Mr. Price, Mr. Sparrow, and Mr. G. T. Snowden to count them and report the result to the Assembly.

The Assembly resumed the calling of the roll for the expression of opinions in the case of Mr. Barnes, and having made some progress in this business,

Adjourned till this afternoon at half-past 2 o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

Friday afternoon, half-past 2 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and began with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The committee to whom were referred the ballots for members to fill the vacancies in the Board of Education reported, when it appeared that the following persons are elected members of the Board of Education for *four* years, viz.:

Ministers.	Laymen.
Henry R. Weed,	John M'Mullin,
Sylvester Eaton,	Henry Potter,
John Breckinridge, D. D.	Alexander Symington,
William Neill, D. D.	Solomon Allen.
Samuel G. Winchester,	
Joseph M'Elroy, D. D.	
John Matthews, D. D.	
George W. Musgrave,	
Samuel Martin, D. D.	
George C. Potts,	
Robert Steel,	
Reuben Post,	
Ashbel Green, D. D.	

And that the Rev. William M. Engles is elected for *two* years, in the place of the Rev. William Nevins, D. D., deceased.

The Assembly resumed calling the roll in the case of Mr. Barnes, and having made further progress in this business,

Adjourned till to-morrow morning at half-past 8 o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

Saturday morning, June 4th, half-past 8 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and began with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

Nominations were made for persons to fill the vacancies in the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary at Princeton, and the election was made the order of the day for Monday morning.

The Assembly resumed calling the roll in the case of Mr. Barnes, and having made further progress in this business,

Adjourned till this afternoon at half-past 2 o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

Saturday afternoon, half-past 2 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and began with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The Assembly resumed calling the roll in the case of Mr. Barnes, and having made further progress in this business,

Adjourned till Monday morning at 8 o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

Monday morning, June 6th, 8 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and began with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

Agreeably to the order of the day, an election was held to fill the vacancies in the Board of Directors of the Princeton Theological Seminary. The ballots were taken, and committed to Mr. Graves, Mr. Caruthers, and Mr. T. C. Stuart to count them and report the result to the Assembly.

The Assembly resumed, and made further progress in calling the roll in the case of Mr. Barnes.

The committee appointed to count the votes for Directors of the Theological Seminary at Princeton reported, when it appeared that the following persons are elected Directors for *three* years, viz.:

Ministers.	Elders.
Benjamin Rice, D. D.	Benjamin Strong.
John M'Dowell, D. D.	Samuel Bayard,
William B. Sprague, D. D.	Ambrose White.
Cornelius C. Cuyler, D. D.	
George Potts,	
Elias W. Crane,	
John N. Campbell, D. D.	

And that the Rev. Nicholas Murray and the Rev. Ashbel Green, D. D., are elected for *two* years, in the place of Rev. William Nevins, D. D., deceased, and the Rev. John Breckinridge, D. D., who has become a professor in the Seminary.

Resolved, That the sessions of this Assembly hereafter be held at the following hours daily: viz. from 8 o'clock A. M. to half-past 12 o'clock P. M.; and from 2 o'clock P. M. to half-past 6 o'clock P. M.

The following extract from the minutes of the Pittsburgh Horticultural Society, was received, viz.:

"*Resolved*, That the members of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, now in session in this city, be respectfully invited to visit the Horticultural Exhibition at the Music Fund Hall in Penn Street, on Tuesday afternoon, the 7th instant."

Resolved, That the thanks of this Assembly be presented to the Pittsburgh Horticultural Society for the above invitation.

Adjourned till this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

Monday afternoon, 2 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and began with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The Committee on Leave of Absence reported that they have given leave to the following persons: viz. Mr. Coyle, Mr. Richmond, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Mulford, Mr. McGarraugh, and Dr. Neill.

The Assembly resumed and finished calling the roll in the case of the Rev. Albert Barnes, after which the final vote was taken, and the appeal of Mr. Barnes was sustained by the following vote:

For sustaining the appeal—

Messrs. Hoyt, Fleming, Griffith, Lewis, Fellows, Edwards, Rockwell, Cannon, Pettibone, Sacket, Sweezy, B. B. Hotchkin, Savage, Coolidge, Graves, Squier, Crosby, Whitaker, Stevens, Cooper, Lathrop, Pomeroy, Cook, Reed, Town, M. Ford, D. Platt, J. H. Hotchkin, Frost, Reynolds, Wells, Hart, Downs, Blanchard, Walker, Jos. Johnson, Selden, Wisner, Goodrich, Pitts, Thompson, Wing, D. Johnson, Adams, Murray, Gooding, Lord, Bradley, Heacock, French, A. Johnson, A. S. Allen, Wickham, Tuthill, Youngs, Peters, Skinner, Leavitt, Holbrook, J. Ford, E. Allen, Ward, Ellison Conger, Barton, J. M. Ogden, P. A. Johnson, Potter, S. Miller, B. Ogden, Stow, Jessup, Fitch, J. Parmelee, Seward, Preston, Enoch Conger, Strong, D. Millar, Talcott, Noyes, Kingsbury, Crosby, Cleaveland, R. Stuart, Humphrey, McGaffey, Beach, Geddes, A. Kingsbury, Amlin, J. Rankin, Spaulding, Brainerd, Carey, Kittredge, Martin, S. G. Lowry, Jennings, Post, Dashiell, Lathy, Bergen, Lamb, Gridley, Stickel, McCoy, Lovejoy, Ker, Cochran, Mahan, Brown, McDowell, Glassel, Wharey, Armistead, J. W. Wilson, Payne, H. Smith, D. F. Palmer, J. Smith, Montgomery, Harrison, Eagleton, Clift, Ross, Lucky, Carson, McSween, Labaree, Bradshaw, Baird, J. Allen, D. A. Smith, Newton—Yeas, 134.

Against sustaining the appeal—

Messrs. Bartley, McQuestin, James, Koontz, A. Platt, McMartin, Downer,

Hopkins, J. V. Henry, Minor, Phillips, Marshall, Lenox, S. Boyd, McElroy, Wm. Wallace, (N. Y.), Seabrook, Castner, J. Campbell, Kennedy, Stinson, Henderson, Coburn, Coulter, McCurdy, Stoneroad, Ewing, Alexander, Ray, Highlands, J. Miller, Jos. Smith, Anderson, Eaton, R. Porter, Alrich, McFarren, Vallandingham, Write, R. Johnston, Harbeson, J. Wilson, Hoge, Rowland, Culbertson, Hanna, Elliott, W. Wallace (Lan.), R. Smith, McGarraugh, Galloway, Scovil, Swan, Bishop, Dunn, M. G. Wallace, Weaver, Donnell, Spilman, Posey, Breckinridge, Bemiss, Curry, Price, Berryman, D. S. Todd, Collins, Williamson, McFarland, McElhenny, Baird, Caruthers, Graham, McNair, McCallum, Sparrow, Kilpatrick, T. A. Ogden, A. A. Campbell, Ingram, Lewers, McClintock, J. L. R. Davies, Dunlap, S. S. Davis, Nesbit, G. T. Snowden, Pratt, J. S. Wilson, Van Court, F. H. Porter, Borden, I. C. Stuart, Morrow, Gray, Hutchinson—Nays, 96.

Declined voting—

Messrs. Nimmo, Van Deman, Chamberlain, R. H. Henry, McCutchan, B. M. Palmer—6.

Mr. Chamberlain stated that he had declined voting because his Presbytery had instructed him so to do.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

Tuesday morning, June 7th, 8 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and began with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The Board of Directors of the Western Theological Seminary made their annual report, which was accepted and committed to Mr. Winchester, Mr. Murray, and Mr. Ewing,

Nominations were made to fill the vacancies in the Board of Directors of the Western Theological Seminary, and the election was made the order of the day for to-morrow morning.

Mr. McFarland, the Secretary of the Board of Education, to whom was committed the report of that Board to make certain modifications, presented the report amended; after some discussion it was recommitted to Mr. McFarland, with the addition of Mr. Breckinridge and Mr. Squier.

The following motion was offered, viz.:

Resolved, That the decision of the Synod of Philadelphia, suspending the Rev. Albert Barnes from all the functions proper to the gospel ministry, be and it is hereby *reversed*.

This resolution was carried in the affirmative by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Stearns, Hoyt, Fleming, Griffith, J. N. Lewis, Fellows, Edwards, Rockwell, Cannon, Pettibone, Sacket, Sweezy, B. B. Hotchkin, Savage, Coolidge, Graves, Curtiss, Squier, Crosby, Whitaker, Stevens, Lathrop, Pomeroy, Cook, Reed, Town, M. Ford, D. Platt, J. H. Hotchkin, Frost, Reynolds, Wells, Hart, Downs, Blanchard, Walker, Selden, Goodrich, Pitts, Thompson, Wing, D. Johnson, Adams, Murray, Gooding, Lord, Bradley, Heacock, French, A. Johnson, A. S. Allen, Wickham, Tuthill, Youngs, Nimmo, Peters, Skinner, Leavitt, Holbrook, J. Ford, E. Allen, Ward, El. Conger, Barton, J. M. Ogden, P. A. Johnson, Potter, S. Miller, B. Ogden, Stow, Jessup, Fitch, J. Parmelee, Seward, Preston, En. Conger, Strong, D. Millar, Talcott, Noyes, H. Kingsbury, Crosby, Cleaveland, R. Stuart, Humphrey, McGaffey, Beach, Geddes, Van Deman, A. Kingsbury, Amlin, J. Rankin, Galloway, Spaulding, Brainerd, Carey, Kittredge, Martin, Lowry, Jennings, Post, Dashiell, Lathy, Bergen, Lamb, Gridley, Stickel, McCoy, Lovejoy, Ker, Cochran, Mahan, Brown, McDowell, Glassell, Wharey, Armistead, J. W. Wilson, McFarland, McElhenny, R. H. Henry, H. Smith, W. M.

Lewis, Graham, McNair, McCutchan, D. F. Palmer, J. Smith, Montgomery, Harrison, Eagleton, Clift, Ross, Lucky, Carson, McSween, Labaree, Bradshaw, Baird, J. Allen, D. H. Smith, S. S. Davis, B. M. Palmer, Van Court, Newton—Yeas, 145.

Nays—Messrs. James, Koontz, A. Platt, Downer, Hopkins, J. V. Henry, Minor, Phillips, Marshall, Lenox, McElroy, Wm. Wallace (N. Y.), Seabrook, Castner, J. Campbell, Kennedy, Stinson, Henderson, Coburn, Coulter, McCurdy, Stoneroad, Alexander, Highlands, Ray, J. Miller, Jos. Smith, Anderson, Eaton, R. Porter, Alrich, McFarren, Vallandingham, Write, R. Johnson, Harbeson, J. Wilson, Rowland, Culbertson, Hanna, Elliott, Wm. Wallace (Lan.), R. Smith, Scovil, Swan, Bishop, Dunn, M. G. Wallace, Weaver, Donnell, Spilman, Posey, Breckinridge, Bemiss, Curry, Price, Berryman, D. S. Todd, Williamson, Baird, Caruthers, McCallum, Sparrow, Kilpatrick, A. A. Campbell, Ingram, Lewers, McClintock, J. L. R. Davies, Dunlap, Nesbit, Snowden, Pratt, J. S. Wilson, F. H. Porter, T. C. Stuart, Morrow, Hutchison—Nays, 78.

Declined voting—Messrs. Bartley, McQuestin, McMartin, S. Boyd, Ewing, Hoge, Chamberlain, Collins, T. A. Ogden, Borden, Gray—11.

The following resolution was offered by Dr. Miller, viz.:

Resolved, That while this General Assembly has thought proper to remove the sentence of suspension under which the Rev. Mr. Barnes was placed by the Synod of Philadelphia, yet the judgment of the Assembly is that Mr. Barnes, in his notes on the Epistle to the Romans, has published opinions materially at variance with the Confession of Faith of the Presbyterian Church and with the word of God; especially with regard to original sin, the relation of man to Adam, and justification by faith in the atoning sacrifice and righteousness of the Redeemer. The Assembly consider the manner in which Mr. Barnes has controverted the language and doctrine of our public standards as highly reprehensible, and as adapted to pervert the minds of the rising generation from the simplicity and purity of the gospel plan. And although some of the most objectionable statements and expressions which appeared in the earlier editions of the work in question have been either removed, or so far modified or explained as to render them more in accordance with our public formularies, still the Assembly considers the work, even in its present amended form, as containing representations which cannot be reconciled with the letter or spirit of our public standards; and would solemnly admonish Mr. Barnes again to review this work; to modify still further the statements which have grieved his brethren; and to be more careful in time to come to study the purity and peace of the Church.

After considerable discussion, the previous question was moved and carried, to put the main question.

The main question was then put on the adoption of the above resolution, offered by Dr. Miller, and was decided in the negative, as follows, viz.:

Yeas—Messrs. Bartley, McQuestin, James, Koontz, A. Platt, McMartin, Curtiss, Downer, Hopkins J. V. Henry, Minor, Nimmo, Phillips, Marshall, Lenox, S. Boyd, McElroy, W. Wallace (N. Y.), Barton, S. Miller, B. Ogden, Seabrook, Castner, J. Campbell, Kennedy, Stinson, Henderson, Coburn, Coulter, McCurdy, Stoneroad, Ewing, Alexander, Ray, Highlands, J. Miller, Jos. Smith, Anderson, Eaton, R. Porter, Alrich, McFarren, Vallandingham, Write, R. Johnson, Harbeson, J. Wilson, Hoge, Van Deman, Rowland, Culbertson, Hanna, Eliott, W. Wallace (Lan.), R. Smith, J. Rankin, Galloway, Scovil, Swan, Bishop, Dunn, M. G. Wallace, Weaver, Donnell, Spilman, Posey, Breckinridge, Bemiss, Curry, McDowell, Price, Berryman, D. S. Todd, Collins, Williamson, Glassel, Wharey, McFarland, McElhenny, Baird, R. H. Henry, H. Smith, Caruthers, W. M. Lewis, Graham, McNair, McCal-

lum, Sparrow, Kilpatrick, McCutchan, T. A. Ogden, A. A. Campbell, Ingram, Lewers, McClintock, J. L. R. Davies, Dunlap, S. S. Davis, Nesbit, Snowden, Pratt, J. S. Wilson, Van Court, F. H. Porter, Borden, T. C. Stuart, Morrow, Gray, Hutchison—Yeas, 109.

NAYS—Messrs. A. Parmelee, Hoyt, Fleming, Griffith, J. N. Lewis, Fellows, Edwards, Rockwell, Cannon, Pettibone, Sacket, B. B. Hotchkin, Savage, Coolidge, Graves, Squier, Crosby, Whitaker, Stevens, Lathrop, Pomeroy, Cook, Reed, Town, M. Ford, D. Platt, J. H. Hotchkin, Frost, Reynolds, Wells, Hart, Downs, Blanchard, Walker, Selden, Wisner, Pitts, Goodrich, Thompson, Wing, D. Johnson, Adams, Murray, Gooding, Lord, Bradley, Heacock, French, A. Johnson, A. S. Allen, Wickham, Tuthill, Youngs, Peters, Skinner, Leavitt, Holbrook, J. Ford, E. Allen, Ward, El. Conger, P. A. Johnson. Potter, Stow, Jessup, Fitch, J. Parmelee, Seward, Preston, En. Conger, Strong, D. Millar, Talcott, Noyes, A. Kingsbury, Crosby, Cleaveland, R. Stuart, Humphrey, McGaffey, Beach, Geddes, A. Kingsbury, Amlin, Spaulding, Brainerd, Carey, Kittredge, Martin, S. G. Lowry, Jennings, Post, Dashiell, Lathy, Bergen, Lamb, Gridley, Stickel, McCoy, Lovejoy, Ker, Cochran, Mahan, Brown, Armistead, J. W. Wilson, D. F. Palmer, J. Smith, Montgomery, Harrison, Eagleton, Clift, Ross, Lucky, Carson, McSween, Labaree, Bradshaw, Baird, J. Allan, D. A. Smith, Newton—Nays, 122.

DECLINED VOTING—Messrs. Sweezy, J. M. Ogden, B. M. Palmer—3.

The Assembly took up the subject of Slavery. The report of the committee appointed by the last Assembly on this subject, together with the report of the minority of said committee, was read.

A motion was then made to postpone the consideration of these reports, with a view to take up the following substitute, offered by Mr. McElhenny, viz.:

"The committee to whom were referred by the General Assembly sundry memorials and other papers touching the subject of Slavery, with directions to report thereon to the General Assembly, beg leave to report—

"That after the most mature deliberation which they have been able to bestow on the interesting and important subject referred to them, they would most respectfully recommend to the General Assembly the adoption of the following preamble and resolution, viz.:

"*Whereas*, The subject of Slavery is inseparably connected with the laws of many States of this Union, in which it exists under the sanction of said laws and of the Constitution of the United States; *And whereas*, Slavery is recognized in both the Old and New Testament as an existing relation, and is not condemned by the authority of God; therefore,

"*Resolved*, That the General Assembly have no authority to assume or exercise jurisdiction in regard to the existence of Slavery."

While this motion was under consideration the Assembly adjourned till this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

Tuesday afternoon, 2 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and began with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The Committee on Leave of Absence reported that they have given leave to Mr. Cooper, Mr. H. Smith, Mr. Brearly, and Mr. J. Boyd.

The Committee of Overtures reported Overtures Nos. 18, 19, and 20.

Overture No. 18, viz.: a request from the Presbytery of Fayetteville for permission to publish an edition of the Confession of Faith and Constitution of the Church without the Scripture references, was committed to Mr. Janvier, Mr. Douglas, and Mr. M'Farren.

Overture No. 19, viz.: on difficulties in several portions of the Church,

and an application for a division of the Synod of Philadelphia, was committed to Mr. Kittredge, Mr. Bishop, and Mr. Kilpatrick.

Overture No. 20, viz.: an application from the Presbytery of the District of Columbia to be set off from the Synod of Philadelphia, and to be attached to the Synod of Virginia, was committed to Mr. Van Court, Mr. J. L. R. Davies, and Mr. J. Wilson.

The Committee on Overtures Nos. 10 and 11, respecting the contingent fund and printing the Minutes of the Assembly, made a report which was laid on the table.

The same committee, to whom was referred also an overture from the Synod of Albany in regard to non-resident members of Presbyteries, made the following report, which was adopted, viz.:

In conformity with the overture from the Synod of Albany, the committee would recommend to the Assembly the adoption of the following resolution, viz.: *Resolved*, That it be enjoined on the Presbyteries to inquire carefully in regard to any of their members who may be residing without the bounds of their respective Presbyteries, whether there be sufficient cause for such non-residence; and if not, that measures be taken to transfer the relation of such ministers to the Presbyteries in the bounds of which they reside.

The Assembly resumed the subject of Slavery.

The following motion was made by Dr. Hoge: Inasmuch as the constitution of the Presbyterian Church, in its preliminary and fundamental principles, declares that no church judicatory ought to pretend to make laws, to bind the conscience, in virtue of their own authority; and as the urgency of the business of the Assembly, and the shortness of the time during which they can continue in session, render it impossible to deliberate and decide judiciously on the subject of Slavery in its relations to the Church; therefore, *Resolved*, That this whole subject be indefinitely postponed.

After some discussion it was agreed that the question should be divided so as to be taken first on the latter part, viz.: "*Resolved*, That this whole subject be indefinitely postponed." The previous question was then moved and carried, and the main question, Shall this whole subject be indefinitely postponed? was put and carried in the affirmative by the following vote, viz.:

YEAS—Messrs. Bartley, McQuestin, Stearns, Koontz, A. Platt, McMartin, Hoyt, Griffith, J. N. Lewis, Fellows, Edwards, Rockwell, Cannon, Sweezy, Squier, Whitaker, Stevens, Pomeroy, Town, J. H. Hotchkin, Wells, Downs, Wisner, Goodrich, Pitts, Thompson, Wing, D. Johnson, Downer, Hopkins, Wickham, Tuthill, J. V. Henry, Minor, Youngs, Nimmo, Phillips, Marshall, Lenox, Boyd, McElroy, W. Wallace (N. Y.), Peters, Skinner, J. Ford, E. Allen, Barton, J. M. Ogden, P. A. Johnson, Potter, S. Miller, B. Ogden, Seabrook, Castner, J. Campbell, J. Kennedy, Stinson, Henderson, Stow, Jessup, Janvier, Hughes, J. Patterson (Philadelphia), Duffield, White, Hamill, Symmes, Cunningham, J. Patterson (New Castle), G. W. Kennedy, Musgrave, George, Sharon, McClure, N. Todd, Ferguson, Coulter, McCurdy, Stoneroad, Ewing, Alexander, Highlands, J. Miller, Anderson, Eaton, R. Porter, Alrich, McFarren, Vallandingham, Write, R. Johnston, Harbeson, Fitch, Seward, J. Wilson, Cleaveland, R. Stewart, McGaffey, Beach, Geddes, Hoge, Van Deman, Rowland, Culbertson, Hanna, Elliot, W. Wallace (Lan.), R. Smith, A. Kingsbury, Amlin, Spaulding, Carey, Scovil, Martin, Bishop, Dunn, M. G. Wallace, Lowry, Jennings, Post, Dashiell, Lathy, Spilman, Posey, Bergen, Lamb, Gridley, Stickel, McCoy, Chamberlain, Ker, Cochran, Breckinridge, Bemiss, McDowell, Berryman, D. S. Todd, Collins, McCallum, D. F. Palmer, J. Smith, Montgomery, Harrison, Eagleton, Clift, Ross, Lucky, Carson, McSween, T. A. Ogden, Baird, J. Allen, D. A. Smith, Hutchison—Yeas, 154.

NAYS—Messrs. James, Pettibone, Sacket, B. B. Hotchkin, Savage, Coolidge, Graves, Crosby, Lathrop, Reed, Cook, D. Platt, Frost, Reynolds, Hart, Blanchard, Walker, Selden, Murray, Gooding, Heacock, French, A. Johnson, A. S. Allen, Holbrook, Ward, El. Conger, Winchester, Dechert, Douglass, Bosworth, I. W. Snowden, McKinney, Ray, Jos. Smith, J. Parmelee, Preston, En. Conger, Strong, D. Millar, H. Kingsbury, Humphrey, J. Rankin, Galloway, Swan, Kittredge, Weaver, Lovejoy, Mahan, Curry, Brown, Price, Williamson, Glassel, Wharey, Armistead, J. W. Wilson, Payne, McFarland, McElhenny, Baird, R. H. Henry, H. Smith, Caruthers, W. M. Lewis, Graham, McNair, Sparrow, Kilpatrick, McCutchan, Labaree, Bradshaw, A. A. Campbell, Ingram, Lewers, McClintock, Nesbit, G. T. Snowden, Pratt, J. S. Wilson, Van Court, F. H. Porter, Corden, T. C. Stuart, Morrow, Newton, Gray—Nays, 87.

DECLINED VOTING—Messrs. Brainerd, J. L. R. Davies, Dunlap, S. S. Davis—4.

The question then recurred on the other part, or the preamble, of Dr. Hoge's motion, and after some discussion the previous question was moved and carried, and the main question was then put and carried on the preamble. The whole resolution was then pronounced carried.

The following dissent was presented, and ordered to be entered on the minutes, viz.:

The undersigned, members of the Assembly, desire to enter on the minutes their dissent from the above preamble:

James H. Hotchkin, John N. Lewis, Conway P. Wing, Miles P. Squier, A. S. Allen, Medad Pomeroy, O. P. Hoyt, F. E. Cannon, I. A. Hart.

The Assembly took up the appeal and complaint of the 2d Presbytery of Philadelphia in relation to the decision of the Synod of Philadelphia dissolving them as a Presbytery.

The Moderator read the rule reminding the Assembly that they were about to proceed to judicial business, and exhorting them to regard their high character as members of a court of Jesus Christ.

The sentence appealed from, the reasons assigned for the appeal and complaint, and the whole record of the proceedings of the Synod in the case were read.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

Wednesday morning, June 8th, 8 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and began with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The committee to whom were referred Overtures Nos. 8 and 9, proposing that the Assembly hereafter meet once in two years, and that no appeals except in cases of charges for heresy or unsoundness of doctrine be taken from the judgments of Synods, made the following report, which was adopted, viz.:

That it is inexpedient that the Assembly should meet less frequently than once a year.

And that the following overture be sent down to the Presbyteries for their adoption or rejection, viz.:

Resolved, That so much of the constitution of the Church as empowers the General Assembly to issue appeals, complaints, and references brought before them from the lower judicatories, except in cases of charges against a minister of the gospel for error or heresy, and of process commencing in the Synods, be and the same is hereby so amended that hereafter the Synods, except in the cases above mentioned, be the judicatories of the last resort.

The committee to whom was recommitted the report of the Board of Edu-

cation reported, when some amendments were made, and the report was returned to the Board for publication.

Resolved, That the Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Education, whenever he shall present an annual report, shall submit also for the use and inspection of the Assembly a complete list of the names of the beneficiaries to whom pecuniary aid has been paid during the year; also the amount paid to each, whether by the Board directly or by a Presbytery or auxiliary society; and also the institutions at which the young men have pursued their studies; it being understood that the same is not to be published.

The Judicial Committee reported in relation to the complaint of E. W. Gilbert and J. W. Pickands, on behalf of the Presbytery of Wilmington, against the Synod of Philadelphia, for dissolving said Presbytery, accompanied with a petition for their restoration, that since their last report, which was laid on the table, they had received satisfactory evidence that due notice of said complaint was given to the Moderator of the Synod of Philadelphia, and that therefore the complaint is in order. They also reported as in order the appeal and complaint of Mr. Asahel Smith against the Synod of Cincinnati, and the appeal and complaint of the Rev. Sayers Gazley against the same Synod. These cases were put upon the docket.

The committee to whom was referred Overture No. 7, being a memorial from the Presbytery of Madison requesting the General Assembly to recommend to all Christian denominations in the world to take into consideration the propriety and importance of using their influence with all Christian nations to adopt some plan by which all disputes between nations may be amicably settled without appealing to the sword, made the following report, which was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That while the Assembly believe it to be the duty of all the followers of the Prince of Peace to labor and pray for the speedy approach of that day "when the nations shall learn war no more," yet as there is room for diversity of opinion as to the mode in which the object may be best promoted, the Assembly deem any particular action on the subject by them, at the present time, inexpedient.

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Jessup, viz.:

Resolved, That this Assembly will close its sessions this evening at half-past 6 o'clock, and that all business not then disposed of be continued to the meeting of the next General Assembly.

After some discussion the motion was decided in the negative, as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Stearns, A. Parmelee, Hoyt, J. N. Lewis, Fellows, Edwards, Rockwell, Cannon, Pettibone, Sacket, B. B. Hotchkin, Coolidge, Savage, Graves, Squier, Crosby, Whitaker, Stevens, Lathrop, Cook, Read, Town, M. Ford, D. Platt, J. H. Hotchkin, Reynolds, Wells, Hart, Downs, Blanchard, Walker, Selden, Wisner, Goodrich, Pitts, Thompson, Adams, D. Johnson, Murray, Gooding, Lord, Bradley, Heacock, French, A. Johnson, A. S. Allen, Wickham, Tuthill, Youngs, Peters, Skinner, Leavitt, Holbrook, J. Ford, E. Allen, Ward, P. A. Johnson, Stow, Jessup, J. Patterson (Philadelphia), Duffield, White, Dechert, G. W. Kennedy, Fitch, J. Parmelee, Seward, Preston, En. Conger, Strong, D. Millar, Talcott, Noyes, H. Kingsbury, Crosby, Cleaveland, R. Stuart, Humphrey, Gaffey, Beach, A. Kingsbury, Amlin, J. Rankin, Spaulding, Carey, Brainerd, Martin, Post, Dashiell, Lathy, Bergen, Lamb, Gridley, Stickel, McCoy, Lovejoy, Ker, Cochran, Brown, D. T. Palmer, J. Smith, Montgomery, Harrison, Eagleton, Clift, Ross, Lucky, Carson, Labaree, McSween, Bradshaw, J. Allan, D. A. Smith, Newton—Yeas, 114.

NAYS—Messrs. Bartley, James, Koontz, A. Platt, McMartin, Curtiss, Wing, Downer, Hopkins, J. V. Henry, Minor, Nimmo, Phillips, Marshall, Lenox,

S. Boyd, McElroy, W. Wallace (N. Y.), El. Conger, Barton, J. M. Ogden, S. Miller, B. Ogden, Seabrook, Castner, J. Campbell, J. Kennedy, Stinson, Henderson, Coburn, Winchester, Woodward, Hughes, Hamill, Douglass, Symmes, Cunningham, J. Patterson (New Castle), Musgrave, George, Bosworth, Quay, Sharon, McClure, McKinney, N. Todd, Ferguson, Coulter, McCurdy, Stoneroad, Ewing, Alexander, Ray, Highlands, J. Miller, Jos. Smith, Anderson, Eaton, R. Porter, Alrich, McFarren, Vallandingham, Write, R. Johnston, Harbeson, J. Wilson, Geddes, Hoge, Rowland, Culbertson, Hanna, Elliott, W. Wallace (Lan.), R. Smith, Galloway, Scovil, Swan, Bishop, Dunn, M. G. Wallace, Weaver, Donnell, Spilman, Posey, Breckinridge, Bemiss, Curry, McDowell, Price, Berryman, D. S. Todd, Collins, Williamson, Wharey, J. W. Wilson, McFarland, Baird, McElhenny, Caruthers, Graham, McNair, McCallum, Sparrow, Kilpatrick, T. A. Ogden, A. A. Campbell, Ingram, Lewers, J. L. R. Davies, S. S. Davis, Nesbit, Pratt, J. S. Wilson, Van Court, F. H. Porter, Borden, T. C. Stuart, Morrow, Gray, Hutchison—Nays, 120.

Declined voting—Messrs. Frost, Chamberlain, Mahan, B. M. Palmer, Baird—5.

The committee on Overture No. 5, respecting the Sabbath, made a report, which was accepted and laid on the table.

The Assembly resumed the appeal and complaint of the 2d Presbytery of Philadelphia. The Presbytery were heard in support of their appeal and complaint.

The Assembly proceeded to the election of Directors for the Western Theological Seminary, when the following persons were elected Directors for *three* years, viz.:

Ministers.	Elders.
Francis Herron, D. D.	Robert C. Greer,
Elisha P. Swift,	John Hannen,
John Stockton,	James Wilson.
Elisha McCurdy,	
Henry R. Weed,	
Matthew Brown, D. D.	
William C. Anderson.	

And Rev. George Marshall was elected for *two* years, in the place of the Rev. Allen D. Campbell, resigned.

The report of the committee on the records of the Synod of New York, which was laid on the table, was taken up, and the records were approved.

Adjourned till this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

Wednesday afternoon, 2 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and began with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The Committee on Leave of Absence reported that they have given leave to the following persons, viz.: Mr. J. Porter, Mr. R. H. Henry, Mr. Griffith, Mr. J. Wilson, Mr. G. T. Snowden, Mr. Payne, Mr. Posey, and Dr. Dunlap.

The committee to whom were referred the reports of Presbyteries on the overture from the last General Assembly, proposing a change in the term of study of theological students from *two* to *three* years, made a report, which being amended, was adopted, and is as follows, viz.:

That they have had under their consideration reports from *fifty-five* Pres-

byteries. Of these, *thirty-five* are in favor of the proposed change, and *twenty* are opposed to it. By the constitution of our Church the consent of a majority of the Presbyteries is necessary to authorize the alteration contemplated. And, as a majority of the Presbyteries have sent up no report to this Assembly, that such Presbyteries be careful to send up their opinion in relation to the proposed alteration in the constitution, to the next General Assembly.

The Assembly resumed the appeal and complaint of the 2d Presbytery of Philadelphia.

The Synod was heard in support of their decision, and the Presbytery replied. The parties were then considered withdrawn from the House.

The following resolution was offered and adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That during the remaining sessions of this Assembly it shall be understood that when the roll is called in the trial of any case, the members shall be confined to the giving of their opinion without reasons, according to the letter of the constitutional rules.

The Assembly proceeded to call the roll in the case of the appeal and complaint of the 2d Presbytery of Philadelphia, to give each member an opportunity to express his opinion.

After which the final vote was taken, first on the appeal, which was sustained, and then on the complaint, which also was sustained.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

Thursday morning, June 9th, 8 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and began with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The Committee on Leave of Absence reported that they have given leave to the following persons, viz.: Mr. J. Kennedy, Mr. Coolidge, Mr. Baird, Mr. McClintock, Mr. Kilpatrick, Mr. Stinson, Mr. Potter, Mr. P. A. Johnson, Mr. Glassel, Mr. B. B. Hotchkin, Mr. T. C. Stuart, Mr. Stearns, Mr. Youngs, and Mr. Quay.

The committee to whom was referred the report of the Directors of the Western Theological Seminary reported the following resolutions, viz.:

1. *Resolved*, That the transfer of Professor Halsey to the chair of Ecclesiastical History, and of Professor Elliot to that of Didactic Theology, in said Seminary, be and the same is hereby sanctioned by this General Assembly.

2. *Resolved*, That the entire interests of said Seminary be, and they are hereby, transferred to the supervision and direction of the Synod of Pittsburgh, and that the Board of Directors are hereby authorized to accede to such a transfer whenever the Synod of Pittsburgh shall signify its acceptance of the same.

3. *Resolved*, That the sum of $4500 be appropriated to the use of said Seminary for the ensuing year.

The first and third of these resolutions were adopted; and the second, proposing a change in the constitutional plan of the Seminary, and not having a unanimous vote, which the constitution of the Seminary requires, was referred for decision to the next General Assembly.

Resolved, That the annual report of the Directors of the Western Theological Seminary be printed in the Appendix to the Minutes.

The committee appointed on Overture No. 12, in relation to evangelists, made a report, which was accepted and laid on the table.

The committee to draw up a Narrative made a report, which was read, accepted, and ordered to be printed in the Appendix to the Minutes.

Resolved, That it be recommended to the ministers and churches under the care of this Assembly to observe the first Monday of January, 1837, as a day of humiliation, fasting, and prayer, for the outpouring of God's Holy Spirit upon the world, for the revival of pure and undefiled religion, and for the Divine blessing upon the means of grace, which have for their object the advancement of the Redeemer's kingdom and the world's conversion to God. And that other denominations of Christians throughout the earth be affectionately invited to unite with us in the same.

Resolved, That the Moderator and Stated Clerk sign this resolution on behalf of the Assembly, and that the same be published.

The report of the committee on Overtures Nos. 10 and 11, which was laid on the table, was taken up and adopted, and is as follows, viz.:

The committee on the overtures from the Synod of Albany and the Presbytery of Louisville report, and recommend that the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly be directed to procure as speedily as possible the publication of the Minutes of the Assembly, accompanied with the names of the ministers, licentiates, and churches, and statistical tables, as heretofore; and that the expense of publication be defrayed out of the contingent fund. Also, that the Stated Clerk be directed to inform the Presbyteries which have not contributed to the contingent fund of the Assembly for the current year that if they desire the Minutes of the Assembly they shall forward their contributions to that fund without delay.

The committee would submit to the Assembly the following plan for the publication of the Minutes in future, viz.: That each Presbytery shall forward to the Treasurer, for the contingent fund of the Assembly, at or before the meeting of the Assembly in each year, a sum equal to 31¼ cents for each member of the Presbytery, and for any licentiate or other person who shall desire the Minutes, and whose post-office address shall be given. And the Stated Clerk shall not forward the Minutes to the members of any Presbytery from which no such remittance shall be made; but only to the Stated Clerk of such Presbytery, and to such members as shall forward the sum above stated.

The Assembly resumed the unfinished business of yesterday, being the appeal and complaint of the 2d Presbytery of Philadelphia, and it was then resolved—

1. That the petition of the appellants be granted.

2. That all the ministers and churches now connected with the said Presbytery remain in their present relation until they shall signify their desire to said Presbytery to withdraw from it.

3. The boundaries of the said Presbytery to be as follows, viz.: east, a line running from the Delaware along Tenth street, as far as Coates street, and thence to the Township line road where it intersects Broad street, and along said road to the southern boundary of Montgomery county, including all between said lines and the river Schuylkill, and also the whole of the counties of Berks and Schuylkill, and as much of Chester and Philadelphia counties as lies north of the Conestoga turnpike road from Morgantown to the Lancaster turnpike road, and along this latter road to the Schuylkill Permanent Bridge; *provided*, That the above shall not be construed to embrace the Ninth Church and the pastor thereof, but the same shall remain a part of the 2d Presbytery (Synodical); and *provided also*, that the Tenth Church and the pastor thereof be authorized to unite with the 1st Presbytery if they desire it.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the 2d Presbytery of Philadelphia, defined and bounded as above, be hereafter known by the name of the *3d Presbytery of Philadelphia*.

The report of the committee on the transfer of the Western Foreign Missionary Society was taken up, and after considerable discussion the previous question was moved and carried, when the main question on adopting the report, to transfer the Western Foreign Missionary Society to the General Assembly, was put, and was decided in the negative, as follows, viz.:

YEAS—Messrs. Bartley, McQuestin, James, Koontz, A. Platt, McMartin, Downer, Hopkins, J. V. Henry, Minor, Nimmo, Phillips, Marshall, Lenox, S. Boyd, McElroy, W. Wallace (N. Y.), El. Conger, Barton, J. M. Ogden, S. Miller, B. Ogden, Seabrook, Castner, J. Campbell, Henderson, Coburn, Winchester, Woodward, Douglass, Symmes, Cunningham, J. Patterson (New Castle), Musgrave, George, I. W. Snowden, Sharon, McClure, McKinney, N. Todd, Ferguson, Coulter, McCurdy, Stoneroad, Ewing, Alexander, Ray, Highlands, J. Miller, Anderson, Eaton, R. Porter, Alrich, McFarren, Vallandingham, Write, R. Johnston, Harbeson, Hoge, Rowland, Culbertson, Hanna, Elliot, W. Wallace (Lan.), R. Smith, J. Rankin, Galloway, Scovil, Swan, Bishop, Dunn, M. G. Wallace, Weaver, Donnell, Spilman, Breckinridge, Bemiss, Curry, McDowell, Price, Berryman, D. S. Todd, Collins, Williamson, Wharey, McFarland, McElhenny, Caruthers, Graham, McNair, McCallum, Sparrow, Kilpatrick, T. A. Ogden, A. A. Campbell, Ingram, Lewers, J. Le R. Davies, S. S. Davis, Pratt, Van Court, F. H. Porter, Borden, Morrow, Gray, Hutchison—Yeas, 106.

NAYS—A. Parmelee, Hoyt, Fleming, J. N. Lewis, Fellows, Edwards, Rockwell, Cannon, Pettibone, Sacket, Savage, Graves, Squier, S. Crosby, Whitaker, Stevens, Lathrop, Reed, Cook, Town, M. Ford, J. H. Hotchkin, Frost, Reynolds, Wells, Hart, Blanchard, Walker, Selden, Wisner, Goodrich, Pitts, Thompson, Wing, D. Johnson, Adams, Bradley, Lord, Heacock, French, A. Allen, Wickham, Tuthill, Skinner, Peters, Leavitt, Holbrook, J. Ford, E. Allen, Ward, Stow, Jessup, J. Patterson (Phila.), Duffield, White, Dechert, G. W. Kennedy, Fitch, J. Parmelee, Seward, Preston, En. Conger, Strong, D. Miller, Talcott, Noyes, H. Kingsbury, T. D. Crosby, Cleaveland, R. Stuart, Humphrey, Beach, Geddes, A. Kingsbury, Amlin, Spaulding, Brainerd, Carey, Kittredge, Martin, Post, Dashiell, Lathy, Bergen, Lamb, Gridley, McCoy, Chamberlain, Lovejoy, Ker, Cochran, Mahan, Brown, D. F. Palmer, J. Smith, Montgomery, Harrison, Clift, Eagleton, Ross, Lucky, Carson, McSween, Labaree, Bradshaw, Baird, J. Allen, D. A. Smith, B. B. Palmer, Newton—Nays, 110.

Ordered that the Stated Clerk inform the Board of the Western Foreign Missionary Society that the Assembly have not carried into effect the stipulation touching the receiving that society under their care.

Adjourned till this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

Thursday afternoon, 2 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and began with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The Committee on Leave of Absence reported that they have given leave to the following persons, viz.: Mr. Janvier, Mr. J. S. Wilson, Mr. Price, Mr. Nesbit, Mr. Cunningham, and Mr. Hughes.

Mr. Koontz, as a minority of the committee on Overture No. 13, made a report counter to the report of the committee, which was passed, and which the Assembly agreed to reconsider. The report of Mr. Koontz was laid on the table.

The report of the committee on Overture No. 20, in relation to the Presbytery of the District of Columbia, was taken up, and the resolution recommended by the committee was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the petition of the Presbytery of the District of Columbia be granted, and that it be transferred from the Synod of Philadelphia to the Synod of Virginia.

The Assembly took up the complaint of Mr. Gilbert and Mr. Pickands, in behalf of themselves and other members of the late Presbytery of Wilmington, against the Synod of Philadelphia, for dissolving them, and a petition to be restored to their former state as a Presbytery.

The sentence complained of, the reasons assigned by the complainants for their complaint, and the whole record of the proceedings of the Synod in the case, were read. The complainants were then heard by Mr. Duffield, who by their request appeared in their behalf, and the Synod in explanation of their decision.

After which it was resolved that the complaint be sustained and the petition granted, and the Presbytery are hereby restored to the state in which they were at the time of their organization by the Synod, except that the church of New Castle, if they desire it, shall have the privilege of uniting with the Presbytery of New Castle.

The appeal of Dr. Wylie from a decision of the Synod of Indiana was taken up, and postponed to the next General Assembly.

The complaint in the case of Jos. C. Harrison against the Synod of Cincinnati was taken up, and postponed to the next General Assembly.

A motion was made to divide the Synod of Philadelphia. After some discussion it was resolved to postpone this subject to the next General Assembly.

The judicial case of an appeal from the decision of the Synod of Utica, in the case of Clark against Holgate, was taken up, and postponed to the next General Assembly.

The report of the committee on Overture No. 13, respecting ruling elders, which it was resolved to reconsider, and the report of the minority of the committee on the same overture, were taken up, and the original report was again adopted.

Judicial business No. 3, viz.: appeals and complaints from Missouri, was taken up, and postponed to the next General Assembly.

The committee to whom was referred Overture No. 18, viz.: a request from the Presbytery of Fayetteville to print an edition of the Confession of Faith and Constitution of the Church without the Scripture references, made the following report, which was adopted, viz.: That after giving this subject a careful attention, they find that in time past the General Assembly has disapproved of such a procedure, and as no good is likely to arise, and much evil may ensue from such an act, therefore, *Resolved*, That the request be not granted.

The following protest was introduced and ordered to be entered on the minutes, viz.:

The undersigned do solemnly protest against the decision of the General Assembly, whereby the report of the committee of the last Assembly, respecting the Western Foreign Missionary Society, was rejected, for the following reasons, viz.:

1. Because we consider the decision of the Assembly in this case as an unjustifiable refusal to carry into effect a solemn contract with the Synod of Pittsburgh, duly ratified and confirmed under the authority of the last Assembly.

2. Because we are impressed with the deepest conviction that the Presbyterian Church, in her ecclesiastical capacity, is bound, in obedience to the command of her divine Head and Lord, to send the glorious gospel, as far as may be in her power, to every creature; and we consider the decision

of the Assembly in this case as a direct refusal to obey this command and to pursue one of the great objects for which the Church was founded.

3. Because it is our deliberate persuasion that a large part of the energy, zeal, and resources of the Presbyterian Church cannot be called into action in the missionary cause without the establishment of a Missionary Board by the General Assembly. It is evident that no other ecclesiastical organization, by fragments of the Church, can be formed, which will unite, satisfy, and call forth the zealous co-operation of those in every part of the Church who wish for a general Presbyterian Board.

4. Because, while the majority of the Assembly acknowledged that *they* had a Board which fully met all the wants and wishes of themselves and of those who sympathized with them, they refused to make such a decision as would accord to us a similar and equal privilege; thereby, as we conceive, refusing that which would have been only just and equal, and rejecting a plan which would have greatly extended the missionary spirit, and exerted a reflex beneficial influence on the churches thus indulged with a Board agreeable to their views.

5. Because, to all these considerations, urged with solemnity and affection, the majority of the Assembly were deaf, and have laid us under the necessity of protesting against their course; of complaining that we are denied a most reasonable, and to us most precious, privilege; and of lamenting that we are laid under the necessity of resorting to plans of ecclesiastical organization complicated, inconvenient, and much more adapted, on a variety of accounts, to interfere with ecclesiastical harmony, than the proposed Board would have been.

Pittsburgh, June 9th, 1836.

Samuel Miller, John Coulter, Robert Porter, A. R. Curry, J. S. Weaver, James Lenox, J. H. Symmes, Edwin Downer, H. M. Hopkins, Clement Vallandingham, George Bishop, J. H. Gray, J. McElroy, David McKinney, P. J. Sparrow, E. W. Caruthers, Robert Johnston, G. W. Musgrave, S. G. Winchester, M. G. Wallace, F. H. Porter, R. H. Kilpatrick, Benjamin C. Swan, James McCurdy, Samuel S. Davis, H. M. Koontz, Samuel Boyd, David Morrow, John M. C. Bartley, J. Bemiss, Parly Coburn, J. S. Berryman, William Wallace, Jacob F. Price, W. L. Breckinridge, J. LeRoy Davies, Thomas L. Dunlap, James V. Henry, Wm. Marshall, Joseph Nimmo, J. Stoneroad, S. L. Graham, John W. Cunningham, Orson Douglass, Archibald George, Wm. P. Alrich, Sylvester Scovel, Benjamin F. Spilman, N. Ewing, Charles Woodward, J. R. Sharon, S. B. Lewers, James McFarren, R. Highlands, Wm. W. Phillips, Alexander A. Campbell, Samuel Henderson, H. S. Pratt, Nathaniel Todd, Evander McNair, John Miller, William Wallace (of Lancaster), James D. Ray, Alexander Write, Jr., Archibald Hanna, John Elliott, Jacob R. Castner, John Stinson, Joseph Campbell, James Kennedy, David S. Tod, Ananias Platt, Johnston Eaton, William Williamson, John S. Galloway, John H. Culbertson, Joseph Harbeson, John H. Van Court, Archibald McCallum, Thomas A. Ogden, Thomas R. Borden, John R. Hutchison, John McClure, Isaac W. Snowden, James Patterson, Jr., Ellison Conger, James Alexander.

Dr. Peters, Mr. Cleaveland, and Mr. H. Kingsbury were appointed a committee to answer the above Protest.

The report of the committee on Overture No. 5, on the subject of the Sabbath, was taken up; and after some amendments, was adopted, and is as follows, viz.:

The committee to whom was referred "Overture No. 5, relating to the Christian Sabbath," respectfully report—

That they have given to the consideration of it all that attention which circumstances would permit, and are prepared to submit to the Assembly the results of their deliberations.

One important fact cannot be denied. The desecration of the Sabbath is certainly increasing with fearful rapidity in almost every part of our beloved country. A solemn and alarming crisis has already come. Unless the slumbering energies of the Church are speedily aroused to arrest the progress of this growing evil, the entire obliteration of the Sabbath will, at no distant period, be the result. It is necessary only to look into our large cities and villages on the Sabbath, or to glance the eye along our navigable rivers and over our beautiful lakes, or to trace the extended lines of our canals and railroads, or listen to the perpetual rumbling of loaded vehicles on all our traveled routes, in order to be convinced that Sabbath-breaking has already become a sin of giant growth in our land. It is, indeed, a widespread, deep-seated, unblushing evil. It enters boldly into almost every commercial interest in the country, and embraces, directly or indirectly, in its broad sweep of mischief, a vast multitude of individuals; and, what is still worse, an alarming proportion of these offenders belong to the Church of the living God. *Here* is the root of the evil. The Church has become a deliberate partaker in this great sin. In this way has her warning voice been wellnigh silenced, her redeeming power over the community paralyzed, and the salutary restraints of a consistent example effectually vacated. Reformation, then, must begin at the house of God. If the Church alone can save the Sabbath from being abolished, she must first reform her own conduct. In entering upon the work it must not be forgotten that in its failure or success are involved the best interests of the Church, of our country, and the world. The *rest* of the Sabbath is the only wise and adequate provision for the wants of the animal system. The *influence* of the Sabbath can alone be relied on to sustain our free institutions, to extend the empire of law, to preserve domestic order and happiness, and to continue the bare existence of morality and religion in the world. The abandonment of the Sabbath is, therefore, nothing less than resigning all that is sacred and dear to a Christian people for time and for eternity. It is certain that whatever is done to rebuke and arrest the profanation of the Sabbath must be done *immediately*. The work of reform cannot be delayed without hazarding the irretrievable loss of all the blessings which flow from the observance of that day. The task has already become formidable and difficult. It is not, however, altogether hopeless. The Sabbath may yet be restored and its blessings perpetuated. The Church and the ministry can, under God, do all that the exigency demands. Let this Assembly do their whole duty, let them lift up a voice of strength, let them send out a loud note of alarm, let them determine, in the strength of the Lord, to carry out, in their practical relation to the Sabbath, the true principles of Christian discipline, and the whole Church may be cleansed, the Sabbath reinstated, and this great and guilty nation saved. Till this is done the power of every other Christian enterprise will be circumscribed and fluctuating. Nothing that is pure and holy can flourish without the Sabbath. The Sabbath reform is the *fundamental* enterprise. It is utterly vain to think of substituting any other conservative power. The question of rescuing the Sabbath from general profanation is, *absolutely*, a question of life and death to every Christian denomination in the world. Such is the momentous nature of the subject under consideration. Your committee rejoice that in this work *all* hearts may *unite* and every minor difference be forgotten. Here is common ground. The Sabbath of the Lord is the inheritance of all true

Christians. And there is work enough for all. The Church must revive her wholesome discipline. The ministry must cry aloud and spare not. The press must be enlisted, the *whole* community aroused. The entire instrumentality which God has prepared for preserving his own institutions must be called forth and kept in untiring requisition. For the purpose of enabling the General Assembly more effectually to speak their sentiments to the churches and the nation, your committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the observance of the Sabbath is indispensable to the preservation of civil and religious liberty, and furnishes the only security for eminent and abiding prosperity either to the Church or the world.

Resolved, That the growing desecration of the Sabbath in our country must be speedily arrested, and the habits of the community essentially reformed, or the blessings of the Sabbath, civil, social, and religious, will soon be irrecoverably lost.

Resolved, That inasmuch as the work of a general reformation belongs, under God, to the Christian Church, it is the duty of the Church to apply the corrections of a firm and efficient discipline to all known violations of the Sabbath on the part of her members.

Resolved, That inasmuch as ministers of the gospel must act a conspicuous part in every successful effort to do away the sin of Sabbath-breaking, it is their duty to observe, both in their preaching and their practice, the rule of entire abstinence from all profanation of the Lord's Day, studiously avoiding even the appearance of evil.

Resolved, That in the judgment of this General Assembly the owners of stock in steamboats, canals, railroads, etc., which are in the habit of violating the Sabbath, are lending their property and their influence to one of the most widespread, alarming, and deplorable systems of Sabbath desecration which now grieves the hearts of the pious and disgraces the Church of God.

That it be respectfully recommended to the friends of the Lord's Day, as soon as possible, to establish such means of public conveyance as shall relieve the friends of the Sabbath from the necessity under which they now labor of traveling at any time in vehicles which habitually violate that holy day, and thus prevent them from being in any way partakers in other men's sins in this respect.

Resolved, That the power of the pulpit and the press must be immediately put in requisition on behalf of a dishonored Sabbath, that the magnitude and remedy of the evils which its violation involves may be fully understood by the whole community.

Resolved, That this Assembly solemnly enjoin it upon the churches under their care to adopt, without delay, all proper measures for accomplishing a general and permanent reformation from the sin of Sabbath-breaking and all its attendant evils.

Resolved, That a committee of one from each Synod under the care of this Assembly be now appointed to hold correspondence with the ministers and churches, for the purpose of carrying out and applying the leading principles of the foregoing report and resolutions.

Resolved, That the foregoing report and resolutions be published in such newspapers, secular and religious, as are friendly to the observance of the Sabbath.

Resolved, That the following persons be a committee to correspond on the subject of the Sabbath, viz.:

Rev. Edward N. Kirk,	of the Synod of Albany,
Rev. Amos Savage,	Utica,
Rev. Miles P. Squier,	Geneva,

Rev. John C. Lord, of the Synod of	Genesee,
Rev. Edward Smith,	New York,
Rev. Nicholas Murray,	New Jersey,
Rev. James Patterson,	Philadelphia,
Rev. David H. Riddle,	Pittsburgh,
Harmon Kingsbury, Esq.,	Western Reserve,
Rev. John P. Cleaveland,	Michigan,
Rev. James B. Hoge, D. D.,	Ohio,
Rev. Lyman Beecher, D. D.,	Cincinnati,
Rev. John Matthews, D. D.,	Indiana,
Rev. Ralph W. Gridley,	Illinois,
Rev. Elijah P. Lovejoy,	Missouri,
Rev. William L. Breckinridge,	Kentucky,
Rev. William S. Plummer,	Virginia,
Rev. Evander McNair,	North Carolina,
Eugenius A. Nesbit, Esq.,	S. Carolina & Georgia,
Rev. Isaac Anderson, D. D.,	Tennessee,
Rev. Benjamin Labaree,	West Tennessee,
Rev. Thomas Alexander,	Alabama.

Resolved, That all the ministers in the bounds of the General Assembly be requested to read the document on the Sabbath from their several pulpits, and preach on the whole subject which it embraces on or before the third Sabbath of September next.

The following protest was read and ordered to be entered on the minutes, viz.:

Whereas, The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church did by their vote on the 7th inst. reject a resolution disapproving some of the doctrinal statements contained in Barnes's Notes on the Romans—which resolution, especially under the peculiar circumstances of the case, the undersigned considered of high importance to the Church with which we are connected, to the cause of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, and to the just exhibition of his grace and truth—we whose names are subscribed feel constrained, in the name of the great Head of the Church, solemnly to protest against said decision, for the following reasons, viz.:

1. Because we believe that the constitutional standards of the Church, in their plain and obvious meaning and in the sense in which they have always been received, are the rule of judgment by which all doctrinal controversies are to be decided. That it is the duty of the Church to maintain inviolate her doctrine and order agreeably to those standards, to bear her decided testimony against all deviations from them, and not to countenance them, even by implication. Yet in the above decision there was, as we believe, a departure from our constitutional rule, a refusal to bear testimony against errors, with an implied approbation of them, and a constructive denial that ministers of the gospel in the Presbyterian Church are under solemn obligations to conform in their doctrinal sentiments to our Confession of Faith and Catechism.

2. Because the errors contemplated in the aforesaid resolution do not consist merely, nor chiefly, in inaccurate or ambiguous expressions and mistaken illustrations, but in sentiments and opinions, respecting the great and important doctrines of the gospel, which are utterly inconsistent with the statement of those doctrines made in the Confession of Faith and revealed in the Word of God. We sincerely and firmly believe that Mr. Barnes has denied, and that in a sneering manner, that Adam was the covenant head of the human race; that all mankind sinned in him as such, and were thus brought under the penalty of transgression; that Christ suffered the penalty of the law when he died for sin; and that the righteousness of Christ is imputed to

believers for justification. These and similar doctrinal views we regard as material variations from our standards, as dangerous in themselves, and as contravening some of the leading principles of our system, such as man's complete dependence, and the perfect harmony of justice and grace in the salvation of the sinner.

3. Because this expression of approbation of his opinions was passed after, as we believe, it had been clearly and sufficiently proved to the Assembly that Mr. Barnes had denied these important truths, and had expressed opinions respecting original sin, the nature of faith, and the nature of justification which cannot be reconciled with our standards; and after, instead of retracting any of his doctrinal opinions, he had declared expressly before the Assembly, and published in the preface to the last edition of his Notes on the Romans, that he had not changed but held them still and was determined to preach them until he died.

For these reasons, and for the glory of God, that we may preserve a conscience void of offence, we request that this our solemn protest may be entered on the minutes of the Assembly.

W. W. Phillips, J. McElroy, James Hoge, Samuel S. Davis, Francis McFarland, Joseph Smith, James McCurdy, Jacob F. Price, W. L. Breckinridge, H. M. Koontz, P. J. Sparrow, Robert Johnston, Joseph Harbeson, John H. Culbertson, W. P. Alrich, J. S. Wilson, T. C. Stuart, J. McClintock, Nathaniel Todd, Alexander R. Curry, George Anderson, James McFarran, John Bemiss, John M. C. Bartley, Samuel McQuestin, William James, Ananias Platt, Duncan McMartin, Edwin Downer, H. M. Hopkins, James V. Henry, Russel J. Minor, William Marshall, James Lenox, Samuel Boyd, William Wallace (New York), Samuel Miller, B. Ogden, James Seabrook, Jacob Castner, Joseph Campbell, James Kennedy, John Stinson, Samuel Henderson, J. Coulter, Joel Stoneroad, N. Ewing, James Alexander, Joseph D. Ray, Robert Highlands, John Miller, J. Eaton, Robert Porter, Joseph McFarren, C. Vallandingham, Alexander Write, R. Johnston, James Wilson, James Rowland, Archibald Hanna, John Elliott, William Wallace (Lan.), Robert Smith, J. S. Galloway, S. Scovil, B. C. Swan, G. Bishop, William Dunn, M. G. Wallace, J. S. Weaver, Samuel Donnell, B. F. Spillman, W. A. G. Posey, J. S. Berryman, D. S. Todd, Lewis Collins, William Williamson, James Wharey, John McElhenny, Thomas Baird, E. W. Caruthers, Archibald M'Callum, R. H. Kilpatrick, John S. McCutchan, T. A. Ogden, A. A. Campbell, John Ingram, S. B. Lewers, J. Le Roy Davies, Thomas L. Dunlap, Eugenius A. Nesbit, Gilbert T. Snowden, Horace S. Pratt, John H. Van Court, F. H. Porter, Thomas R. Borden, T. C. Stuart, John R. Hutchison, David Morrow, J. H. Gray.

The following Protest was also offered, and, being read, was ordered to be entered on the minutes, viz.:

The undersigned, members of the General Assembly, who were of the opinion that the appeal of the Rev. Albert Barnes should be sustained only in part, and that a modified decision should be made, beg leave to present to the Assembly this brief explanation of their views, and desire that it may be entered on the minutes as their Protest against the course which has been pursued in this case:

1. They explicitly declare that in their opinion the refusal of the Presbytery to bring their records before the Synod, and of Mr. Barnes to appear and plead in defence when their objections had been overruled, was irregular and censurable: and that although the Synod acted in a manner that was

questionable, and perhaps injudicious, in trying the appeal of Dr. Junkin without the records of the Presbytery and in the absence of Mr. Barnes, who had declined making any defence, yet this irregularity was not of such a nature as to annul their proceedings.

2. They were of the opinion that the charges brought against Mr. Barnes by Dr. Junkin were at least partly substantiated, and that on very important topics of the system of doctrine contained in the Confession of Faith and the Word of God; and that, therefore, the appeal could be sustained only in a modified sense, if at all on this ground, without an implied approbation of his doctrinal views.

3. Further, they were of the opinion that inasmuch as some of the charges were not fully, if at all, sustained, and it may be doubted whether the Synod ought, as the circumstances of the case appeared to be, to have inflicted the censure of suspension, and Mr. Barnes, during the progress of this trial, exhibited some important alterations of his book, and made such explanations and disavowals of the sentiments ascribed to him as were satisfactory in a considerable degree, the removal of his suspension might be deemed proper and safe; they were therefore willing, on this account, to concur in this measure, but did not desire to sustain the appeal in an unqualified sense.

The undersigned therefore desire to place themselves aright, in the discharge of their official duty, before this Assembly and the Church with which they are connected, and the whole Christian Church, so far as these transactions may be known; and cannot consent to be understood as giving countenance to irregular proceedings in the judicatories of the Church or those who are amenable to them, or as overlooking erroneous doctrinal sentiments, or as desiring to exercise undue severity towards the appellant. And they cannot withhold the expression of their regret that all their efforts to procure a justly modified decision were defeated by the positions occupied by different and opposite portions of the Assembly in regard to this case; nor will they conceal that they have painful apprehensions that these things will lead to extended and increased dissension, and endanger the disruption of the holy bonds which hold us together as one Church.

Pittsburgh, June 7th, 1836.

James Hoge, Samuel Miller, N. Ewing, John McElhenny, John H. Van Court, Benjamin Ogden, Thomas A. Ogden, Francis McFarland, John M. C. Bartley, James Wharey, Samuel S. Davis, D. McMartin, Jr., Samuel L. Graham, Evander McNair, John S. Galloway, Samuel Henderson.

Dr. Skinner, Dr. Allan, and Mr. Brainerd were appointed a committee to answer the last two Protests.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

Friday morning, June 10th, 8 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and began with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The Committee on Leave of Absence reported that they have given leave to the following members, viz.: Messrs. Post, A Kingsbury, Spaulding, A. Parmelee, Brown, Walker, J. Allan, Pettibone, Bergen, Downer, Hoyt, Stow, Savage, Carey, Martin, Jennings, Fleming, McCallum, Whitaker, Preston, Borden, Fellows, R. Porter, D. A. Smith, Hopkins, McDowell, W. M. Lewis, Ferguson, Coburn, and El. Conger.

The following Protest was read, and ordered to be entered on the minutes:

The undersigned, members of the General Assembly, feel themselves called upon to protest, and they do hereby protest, against the action of the Assembly yesterday on the subject of Slavery.

The reasons for this Protest, among others, are the following, namely:

1. They protest, because of the manner in which the whole vote on the preamble and resolution was taken. As it now stands on the minutes, the votes of many members are recorded in direct opposition to their real sentiments and intentions.

2. They protest, because the preamble was adopted as explaining the resolution for indefinite postponement which immediately follows it, when, in fact, the resolution was adopted *before* the preamble, and was voted for by many who did not even suspect that the preamble was to be subsequently reunited to it.

3. They protest, because the adoption of the preamble seems to imply that both the signers and defenders of the anti-slavery memorials and petitions which were presented to the Assembly had desired the Assembly should so "legislate on the subject as, by its own authority, to bind the consciences of men"—a sentiment which those signers and defenders unanimously repudiate and disown.

4. They protest, because they apprehend that from the course of the Assembly's action the inference may possibly be drawn that those who voted for postponement might have deemed it improper for the Assembly freely *to discuss* the subject of Slavery, and to *pronounce opinions* respecting it; a sentiment which the undersigned heartily repudiate and disown.

5. They protest, because the preamble does not express the true and only reason by which many were governed who voted in the affirmative—namely, a deliberate conviction *that under the existing circumstances* a discussion of the subject could, in no way, be made to promote the cause of emancipation.

6. They protest, because the ayes and noes were not taken and recorded on the adoption of the preamble, as well as on that of the resolution, although it is believed they were desired and demanded by at least one-third of the House.

7. They protest, finally, because the question on the adoption of the preamble and resolution, *as a whole*, was not submitted to the House *after* both its parts had, *in an inverted order*, been separately carried, and when it is certain that many, if not a majority, of those who voted for the postponement *per se* would have voted against the whole minute had it been thus submitted *as a whole*.

Pittsburgh, June 7th, 1836.

A. S. Allen, A. Johnson, Elijah P. Lovejoy, John Beach, H. K. Lathy, Luther F. Stevens, John H. Lathrop, Chauncey Cook, Timothy Stow, George A. French, R. Heacock, John P. Cleaveland, Robert Stuart, James M. Amlin, George W. Pitts, John Martin, Joshua B. Graves, Luther Humphrey, Miles P. Squier, Abijah Blanchard, Amos Savage, M. C. Reed, R. W. Gridley, James L. Lamb, G. W. Ker, Wm. Downs, T. A. Hart, James Patterson, Philadelphia.

Mr. Pratt, Mr. Weaver, and Mr. Sparrow were appointed a committee to answer the above Protest.

The committee appointed to answer the Protests Nos. 2 and 3 brought in the following answer, which was adopted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes:

In reply to the two Protests of the minority against the decision of the Assembly in refusing to censure the first edition of Barnes' Notes on the Romans, the Assembly remark:

1. That by their decision they do not intend to, and do not, in fact, make

themselves responsible for all the phraseology of Mr. Barnes, some of which is not sufficiently guarded and is liable to be misunderstood, and which we doubt not Mr. Barnes, with reference to his usefulness and the peace of the Church, will modify so as to prevent, as far as may be, the possibility of misconception.

2. Much less do the Assembly adopt as doctrines, consistent with our standards and to be tolerated in our Church, the errors alleged by the prosecutor as contained in the book on the Romans. It was a question of fact whether the errors alleged are contained in the book; and by the laws of exposition, in conscientious exercise of their own rights and duties, the Assembly have come to the conclusion that the book does not teach the errors charged. This judgment of the Assembly is based on this maxim of equity and charity, adopted by the Assembly of 1824, in the case of Craighead, which is as follows—namely, "A man cannot be fairly convicted of heresy for using expressions which may be so interpreted as to involve heretical doctrines, if they also admit of a more favorable construction. It is not right to charge any man with an opinion which he disavows." The import of this is, that when language claimed to be heretical admits without violence of an orthodox exposition, and the accused disclaims the alleged error, and claims as his meaning the orthodox interpretation, he is entitled to it, and it is to be regarded as the true intent and import of his words. But in the case of the first edition of the Notes on the Romans the language is, without violence, reconcilable with an interpretation conformable to our standards; and therefore all the changes of phraseology which he has subsequently made, and all his disclaimers before the Assembly, and all his definite and unequivocal declarations of the true intent and meaning of his words in the first edition, are to be taken as ascertaining his true meaning, and forbid the Assembly to condemn the book as teaching great and dangerous errors.

3. When the Assembly, by sustaining the appeal of Mr. Barnes by a majority of 38, and by a majority of 67 removed the sentence of his suspension and restored him in good standing to the ministry, it is not competent for the same judicature, by the condemnation of the book, to inflict on Mr. Barnes indirectly, but really, a sentence of condemnation as direct in its effects, and as prostrating to his character and usefulness, as if it had been done directly, by refusing to sustain his appeal and by confirming the sentence of the Synod of Philadelphia. And what this Assembly has declared that it cannot in equity do directly, it cannot, in equity or consistency, attempt to do indirectly.

4. The proposed condemnation of Mr. Barnes's book, as containing errors materially at variance with the doctrines of our standards, after sustaining his appeal and restoring him to good standing in the ministry, would be a direct avowal that great and dangerous errors may be published and maintained with impunity in the Church. For if the book does in fact inculcate such errors, it were wrong to attempt to destroy the book and spare the man. If the charges are real, they are not accidental. Therefore, should the Assembly decide the alleged errors of the book to be real, it would, by its past decision, declare that a man suspended for great and pernicious errors may be released from censure, and restored to an unembarrassed standing in the ministry—a decision to which this Assembly can never give its sanction.

5. The attempt to condemn Mr. Barnes by a condemnation of his book, after he had been acquitted on a hearing on charges wholly founded on the book, is a violation of the fundamental maxim of law, that no man shall be twice put in jeopardy for the same offence; and if it were otherwise, and the man might be tried in his person and tried on his book, the same process of specification and defence is due to personal and public justice.

6. So far is the Assembly from countenancing the errors alleged in the charges of Dr. Junkin, that they do cordially and *ex animo* adopt the Confession of our Church, on the points of doctrine in question, according to the obvious and most prevalent interpretation, and do regard it, as a whole, as the best epitome of the doctrines of the Bible ever formed. And this Assembly disavows any desire, and would deprecate any attempt, to change the phraseology of our standards, and would disapprove of any language of light estimation applied to them; believing that no denomination can prosper whose members permit themselves to speak slightly of its formularies of doctrine; and are ready to unite with their brethren in contending earnestly for the faith of our standards.

7. The correctness of the preceding positions is confirmed, in the opinion of the Assembly, by a careful analysis of the real meaning of Mr. Barnes under each charge, as ascertained by the language of his book and the revisions, disclaimers, explanations, and declarations which he has made.

In respect to the first charge, that Mr. Barnes teaches that all sin is voluntary, the context and his own declarations show that he refers to all *actual* sin merely, in which he affirms the sinner acts under no compulsion.

The second charge implies neither heresy nor errors, but relates to the expression of an opinion on a matter concerning which no definite instruction is contained, either in the Bible or in the Confession of Faith.

In respect to the third charge, Mr. Barnes has not taught that unregenerate men are able, in the sense alleged, to keep the commandments and convert themselves to God. It is an inference of the prosecutor from the doctrine of natural ability as taught by Edwards, and of the natural liberty of the will as taught in the Confession of Faith, chap. ix. sect. 1. On the contrary, he does teach, in accordance with our standards, that man, by the fall, hath wholly lost all *ability of will* to any spiritual good accompanying salvation.

In respect to the fourth charge, that faith is an act of the mind, Mr. Barnes does teach it in accordance with the Confession of Faith and the Bible; but he does not deny that faith is a fruit of the special influence of the Spirit, and a permanent holy habit of mind in opposition to a created physical essence. That faith "is counted for righteousness" is the language of the Bible, and as used by Barnes means, not that faith is the meritorious ground of justification, but only the instrument by which the benefit of Christ's righteousness is appropriated.

In respect to the fifth charge, Mr. Barnes nowhere denies, much less "sneers" at, the idea that Adam was the covenant and federal head of his posterity; on the contrary, though he employs not these terms, he does, in other language, teach the same truths which are taught by this phraseology.

In respect to the sixth and seventh charges, that the sin of Adam is not imputed to his posterity, and that mankind are not guilty or liable to punishment on account of the first sin of Adam, it is to be observed that it is not taught in the Confession of Faith that the *sin* of Adam is imputed to his posterity: the imputation of the guilt of Adam's sin Mr. Barnes affirms, though not as including personal identity and the transfer of moral qualities, both of which are disclaimed by our standard writers and by the General Assembly.

In respect to the eighth charge, that Christ did not suffer the penalty of the law as the vicarious substitute of his people, Mr. Barnes only denies the literal infliction of the whole curse, as including remorse of conscience and eternal death; but admits and teaches that the sufferings of Christ, owing to the union of the divine and human natures in the person of the Mediator, were a full equivalent.

In respect to the ninth charge, that the righteousness of Christ is not imputed to his people, Mr. Barnes teaches the imputation of the righteousness of Christ, but not as importing a transfer of Christ's personal righteousness to believers, which is not the doctrine of our Church, and when he says that there is no sense in which the righteousness of Christ becomes ours, the context and his own declarations show that he simply means to deny a literal transfer of his obedience; which, on the contrary, he teaches is so imputed or set to our account as to become the only meritorious cause or ground of our justification.

In respect to the tenth charge, Mr. Barnes has not taught that justification consists in pardon only, but has taught clearly that it includes the reception of believers into favor and their treatment as if they had not sinned.

The committee to whom the communications of Dr. Edwards on the subject of Temperance were committed made a report, when it was *Resolved*, That all ministers and members of our churches be earnestly advised to attend as far as practicable to the circulation of the "Permanent Documents" and the "Youth's Manual of Temperance," published by the American Temperance Society.

The Committee on the State of the Church reported that they had not agreed on any report. The committee were discharged.

The complaints respecting the churches at Newark and St. George's were withdrawn.

The following Dissent was offered, and ordered to be entered on the minutes:

The undersigned respectfully dissent from the decision of a majority of the General Assembly in relation to the last proposition contained in Overture No. 13, for reasons contained in the report presented by a minority of the committee, which report is as follows, viz.:

"The committee to whom was referred Overture No. 13 report the following as an answer to the last proposition, viz.: When an elder has been suspended from church privileges for an offence, and is again restored to the privileges of the church, is he also restored to his office as a ruling elder? It is in the power of Sessions to demand, for sufficient reasons, a temporary cessation of the active duties of a ruling elder in their particular church, but further than this they cannot go without the consent or direction of the Presbytery. This is founded in the nature of the office, an investment with which extends the influence and duties of the eldership in important respects to the whole Church, and, as is often the case with the ministry, it may be proper and profitable to exercise its functions in some particular congregations, where local or adventitious circumstances would render it highly inexpedient in them. At the time of trial for the offence on account of which an elder is suspended from church privileges it would be perfectly competent for the Session to have taken the necessary steps for his suspension or deposition from the eldership as a distinct act. In failure to do so, restoration to membership is a new investment with his office, which was impaired only indirectly and inferentially by a suspension of his church privileges. If the church be aggrieved by such a result, no other redress is left them but a public expression of their unwillingness for his action as one of their spiritual rulers. If he then fail to lay down his performance of his official duties, this would be a proper ground of complaint to Presbytery, who, under the power granted in chap. x. sect. 8 of the Form of Government, to inquire into the state of particular churches and redress existing grievances for the purpose of promoting peace and harmony, might order a compliance with their wishes. The general usages of our churches sanction these principles, and it is believed they are directly in conformity to chap. xiii. sects. 6 and 7 of the Form of Government.

"In the xviith chapter of the Form of Government provision is made for the release of congregations from their pastors under circumstances which affect their interest: the same rule in its spirit would apply to the eldership, and the same mode of obtaining redress there prescribed must be adopted."

H. M. Koontz, John N. Lewis, Warren Rockwell, J. McElroy, William Marshall, James Lenox, Samuel Boyd, James McCurdy, F. A. Ross, A. B. Curry, D. McMartin, Jr., William James, D. S. Todd, William Wallace (N. Y.), David Morrow, James McFarren, Johnston Eaton, Russell J. Minor, William W. Phillips.

The following answer to Protest No. 4 was read, and ordered to be entered on the minutes:

In answer to the Protest against the vote of this House in regard to Slavery, the Assembly would say—

That the question for postponement was fairly before the House, and was decided by a division of the question, the vote having been first taken upon the resolution, and then upon the preamble.

The Assembly judge no injustice was done to any, because it is universally understood that when a question is divided the matter is not ended until a vote has been taken on both parts of the question.

The Assembly moreover judge that no injustice was done in the decision, inasmuch as when the two parts of the question were decided the whole question was disposed of, and therefore there was no necessity or propriety in further action.

The Assembly further judge that the decision was a just and righteous one, because of the pressure of business rendering it impossible to enter into the merits of the subject.

And finally, the Assembly judge that no injustice was done to any by their decision, because it was evident that a majority of the House was utterly opposed to any action that would have met the views of those who now protest against the decision of the Assembly in this matter.

The following answer to Protest No. 1 was received, and ordered to be entered on the minutes:

In answer to the Protest of the minority of the General Assembly on the subject of Foreign Missions, the majority regard it as due to the churches and the friends of missions generally to state some of the grounds on which they have declined to carry into effect the arrangement adopted and reported by the committee of the last General Assembly in regard to the Western Foreign Missionary Society.

We are of opinion—

1. That the powers intended to be conferred upon the above committee by the last Assembly, to ratify and confirm the transfer of the said society from the Synod of Pittsburgh to the General Assembly on such terms as the said committee might approve, are altogether unusual and unwarranted; and especially that it was indiscreet and improper for that Assembly to attempt to confer such unlimited powers, for such a purpose in the existing state of the churches, upon so small a committee, and that, too, on the last day of the sessions of the Assembly, when more than one half of the enrolled members of the body had obtained leave of absence, and had already returned to their homes.

2. That it was unwarrantable and improper for the above committee, in the exercise of the extraordinary powers supposed to be conferred on them, to incorporate, in their agreement with the Synod of Pittsburgh, the condition that the supervision of the missions of the Board intended to be organized should never be alienated by the General Assembly; thus endeav-

oring to bind irreversibly all future Assemblies by the stipulations of that committee.

3. It is, therefore, our deep conviction that it was the duty of this Assembly to resist the unwarrantable and extraordinary powers of the above committee, and to reject the unreasonable conditions of their contract with the Synod of Pittsburgh.

4. It is our settled belief that the Church of Christ is *one* by divine constitution, and that the command is of universal obligation, "Let there be no divisions among you;" and that whatever advantages or disadvantages may have resulted from the divisions of the Church into numerous denominations with conflicting opinions, it cannot be our duty, as Christians, to perpetuate and extend these divisions by incorporating them in our arrangements to spread the gospel in heathen lands. We cannot, therefore, regard the decision of the Assembly in this case as a refusal to obey the command of the great Head of the Church to preach the gospel to every creature. That command, as we understand it, is not to the Presbyterian Church in her distinctive ecclesiastical capacity, but to the *whole Church*, to the collective body of Christ's disciples of every name. It was that they might the more effectually *obey* the above command by uniting with Christians of other denominations in the noble work of Foreign Missions, that the Assembly declined to carry into effect the proposed organization restricted to the Presbyterian Church.

5. We do not agree with the protestants in the opinion that the resources of any part of the Presbyterian Church "cannot be called into action in the missionary cause without the establishment of a Missionary Board by the General Assembly." The history of missionary operations in this and in other countries furnishes ample evidence that the energy and zeal of Christians in the spread of the gospel are much more effectually enlisted, and their liberality greatly increased, by more expanded organizations which overstep the limits of sects, and the bond of whose union is the one great object of spreading the glorious gospel of the blessed God. It is our settled belief that societies formed on these principles, and including different denominations of Christians, are actually performing, as the proxies of the Church in the work of missions, that which the Church, on account of her existing divisions, can perform in no other way so well. They appear to us to have embraced the harmonizing principle which is destined ultimately to reunite the churches and make them ONE, as it was in the beginning and will be in the end.

6. While the majority of the Assembly acknowledge their unabated confidence in the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions as fully meeting our wishes and affording a safe and open channel through which all our churches may, as consistent Presbyterians, convey their contributions to the cause of Foreign Missions, we do not regard ourselves as having denied, by the decision protested against, to the minority, the privilege of conducting their missionary operations with entire freedom in any other plan which they may prefer. But we think it unreasonable for them to ask us to form, and to complain of our not forming, by a vote of the General Assembly, an organization the principles of which we do not approve. We do not ask of them to assume the responsibilities of the plan which we prefer, and we cannot regard ourselves as chargeable with unkindness or injustice in having refused to assume the responsibilities of the plan which they prefer. If we cannot agree to unite in the same organization for the same purpose, it appears to us manifestly proper that each party should bear the responsibilities of its own chosen plan of operations; and if our brethren cannot so far commend their principles as to extend their ecclesiastical organizations

beyond those "fragments of the Church" of which they speak, they surely ought not to complain of us "if those in every part of the Church who wish for a general Presbyterian Board" remain dissatisfied. We would respectfully ask whether they ought not to charge their embarrassment, in this respect, to the plan which they have adopted, rather than to those who have chosen, on their own responsibility, in the fear of God, to conduct their missionary operations on other principles. If, therefore, the minority of the Assembly should hereafter judge themselves under "the necessity of resorting to plans of ecclesiastical organization" which shall "interfere with ecclesiastical harmony," the majority cannot regard themselves as responsible for such results. The settled belief of the majority of the Assembly is, that the operations of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, with its numerous auxiliaries, both ecclesiastical and voluntary, within the bounds of the Presbyterian Church, present the best arrangement for the promotion of the cause of missions by our churches; and it was to prevent the ecclesiastical conflicts and divisions which have resulted from the operations of other similar organizations that they have thought it their duty to decline the organization proposed. They have made their decision for the purpose and with the hope of securing and promoting the union in the missionary work which has so happily existed in former years. With these views and hopes they commend the cause of missions and their solemn and conscientious decision to the blessing of God, and pray for the peace of Jerusalem.

Resolved, That the Rev. Luther Halsey, D. D., be appointed on the committee to prepare the history of the Presbyterian Church, in the place of the Rev. Ezra S. Ely, D. D., resigned.

The committee on Overture No. 17, respecting a change in the time of holding the Monthly Concert of Prayer, made a report, which was not adopted.

The report of the committee on the records of the Synod of Philadelphia was taken up, and the records were approved.

The following Protest was offered, and ordered to be entered on the minutes, viz.:

The undersigned desire to enter their protest against the vote of the Assembly to strike out from the answer to the protest against the postponement of the subject of Slavery the words, "because the memorials and some of the speeches were highly abusive and disorderly, denouncing a large number of the members of the Assembly, in direct violation of the 21st rule of the House," because—

1. The words state nothing but the truth.

2. Because the facts referred to in the words ordered to be stricken out were in great part the grounds upon which the whole subject was postponed.

3. Because the vote to strike out was taken, notwithstanding several members opposed to it loudly and earnestly requested permission to be heard before the vote was taken,

G. W. Musgrave, Samuel Boyd, Thomas A. Ogden, J. H. Gray, F. H. Porter, A. George, Samuel Henderson, William Wallace, P. J. Sparrow, J. Le Roy Davies, J. Stoneroad, W. W. Phillips, W. P. Alrich, J. McElroy, William Marshall, J. V. Henry, R. J. Minor, H. S. Pratt, S. S. Davis, S. G. Winchester, James Lenox.

The following Protest was also offered, and ordered to be entered on the minutes:

The undersigned would solemnly protest against the decision of the General Assembly, during their present session, by which the subject of Slavery

was indefinitely postponed, on a preamble and resolution of Dr. Hoge, thus excluding any further consideration of Mr. McElhenny's substitute for the reports of the majority and counter-report of one of the minority of the committee appointed on this subject at the last General Assembly, together with the numerous memorials and petitions from different sections of the Church presented during the present meeting of the Assembly.

And we enter our protest for the following reasons:

1. Because such decision is inconsistent with former doings of the Assembly on the subject of Slavery.

2. Because said decision is founded on a false interpretation of the constitutional powers of the General Assembly.

3. Because it is the sacred duty of the Presbyterian Church, in her distinctive character, to give a frank response to respectful petitions and memorials of her members, both at the North and South, relative to the system of Slavery as it exists in these United States.

Pittsburgh, June 10, 1836.

John Frost, H. Kingsbury, I. A. Hart, M. C. Reed, Nathan Reynolds, A. S. Allen, Daniel Miller, Abijah Blanchard, Luther Humphrey, Elijah Dechert, Chauncey Cook, Daniel Johnson.

The committee on Overtures Nos. 6 and 16 made a report, which being read, was adopted, viz.:

The committee to whom was referred Overture No. 6, being a memorial from the Synod of West Tennessee in relation to their boundaries, beg leave to submit the following report:

That the memorialists pray the General Assembly to detach that portion of the Presbytery of Muhlenburg which lies within the bounds of the State of Tennessee, and which includes the Presbyterian church at Clarksville, from said Presbytery, and attach it to the Presbytery of Nashville, and to restore the boundary line between the Presbyteries, which formerly was the line between the States of Tennessee and Kentucky.

A memorial adverse to this memorial has also been presented by the Synod of Kentucky.

A petition from the members of the Presbyterian church at Clarksville has also been presented, joining in the prayer of the memorial, and expressing the belief that this alteration of boundary would tend to promote the interests of the Church in that section of the country.

It is therefore evident that those who are the most deeply interested desire the change, and express their belief that it would be beneficial; and as the reasons offered by the Synod of Kentucky are not sufficient, in the judgment of the committee, to justify a refusal of the petition, they would therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That all that portion of the Presbytery of Muhlenburg which lies within the bounds of the State of Tennessee be attached to the Presbytery of Nashville, so that hereafter the State line be the boundary between the two Presbyteries.

The report of the committee on the rights of ministers without charges to a seat in the judicatories of the Church was taken up, and indefinitely postponed.

The appeal of Asahel Smith from a decision of the Synod of Cincinnati was postponed to the next General Assembly.

The committee on Overture No. 12, viz.: with regard to evangelists, was taken up, and after some discussion was again laid on the table.

The appeal of the Rev. Sayers Gazley from the Synod of Cincinnati was taken up, and postponed to the next General Assembly.

The report of the committee on Overture No. 2, relating to vacant churches, was called up, and postponed to the next General Assembly.

The committee on Overture No. 19, respecting difficulties in the Church, made a report, which was indefinitely postponed.

The Stated Clerk, with Mr. Winchester and Mr. Duffield, were appointed a committee to revise the minutes and prepare them for publication.

Bills were presented for the incidental expenses of the present Assembly, amounting to one hundred and fifty-four dollars and thirty-eight cents.

Ordered, That the Trustees give a warrant on the Treasurer for the payment of the above sum of one hundred and fifty-four dollars and thirty-eight cents, for the payment of the incidental expenses of the Assembly.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Assembly be presented to the citizens of Pittsburgh for their kindness and hospitality towards the members of the Assembly.

Resolved, That calling the roll previously to dissolving the Assembly be dispensed with.

The Assembly having finished their business, it was resolved, that this General Assembly be dissolved, and that another General Assembly, chosen in like manner, be required to meet in the Central Church, in the city of Philadelphia, on the third Thursday of May, 1837, at 11 o'clock A. M.

The Moderator dissolved the Assembly accordingly, with prayer and the benediction.

APPENDIX.

NARRATIVE OF THE STATE OF RELIGION.

THE Assembly have found it difficult to compress within the narrow limits usually assigned to this Narrative an accurate and faithful exhibition of the state of religion within the extensive territory occupied by our Church.

Revivals of religion have always been regarded with interest by the Church, as furnishing delightful evidence of the gracious presence of that Spirit whose office is both to comfort and sanctify.

Reports have been received from about 100 of 127 Presbyteries belonging to the Presbyterian Church in the United States. Of these, one Presbytery, Ontario, reports revivals in nine churches under their care; one Presbytery, Rochester, reports seven; three, Geneva, Ottawa, New York 3d, report four revivals; two report three revivals; nine report two revivals; seventeen mention one church within their bounds as blessed with the special influences of the Spirit; and fifty Presbyteries report no revival in a single congregation within their bounds.

From these facts the Assembly cannot resist the melancholy conviction that the last year has been one in which the churches have been deserted by the Divine Spirit to a degree unexampled in our former history. Sixty-nine churches within our whole bounds have been distinctly stated to have enjoyed a season of refreshing from the presence of the Lord; so that, making a liberal allowance for imperfection in the reports, less than one hundred churches out of twenty-eight hundred have enjoyed revivals of greater or less extent during the year. It is with deep sorrow and humiliation we would refer to the departure of the Spirit from our Zion. The rebukes of Heaven are upon us, and these signs of the times call loudly upon our

churches to humble themselves before God, to inquire into the causes of our sad declension, and to pray with increasing fervor for that Spirit whose presence, gentle as the dews of heaven, will put an end to all and heal all our backslidings, and give life to those churches where now the stillness of death reigns. The Assembly, however, would not despair, for Zion's King still reigns: we would look to the hills, whence cometh our help; our help cometh from the Lord, which made the heavens and the earth.

Former Assemblies have regarded with interest and pleasure the progress of temperance in our land. This noble cause has made cheering progress in times past, and we regard much of the ground thus won from the enemy as safe. But let us not be flushed by past achievements, so as to forget the present danger. We would not disguise from the churches that twenty-six Presbyteries have reported it stationary or declining, while twenty-five only have given us information of an onward progress in this cause so vital to the best interests of man. We are persuaded that in this warfare the best weapons are "light and love," and we would lift our warning voice against the spirit of harsh and unkind denunciation which has to some extent prevailed in regard to this matter. While the Christian temper is preserved, and none of the ordinances of the Church brought into jeopardy, we would bid God-speed to all laborers in this cause, notwithstanding differences of views as to the wisest measures to promote it.

It is with great pleasure we have learned that the churches under our care are increasing in the liberality with which they patronize the benevolent institutions of the day. There is a uniform testimony on this subject; and that is, that in every section of our Church liberal benefactions have been bestowed on the cause of foreign and domestic missions. We would hope that the prayers and alms of the Church have gone up together as a memorial before the Lord; but from information communicated to us we have much reason to deplore that the monthly concert of prayer, a season when Christians have the privilege of pouring out their hearts to God for a dying world, is not habitually attended by more than one out of every eight members of our communion. The Assembly would hope that the churches would enlarge their hearts when they come before the Lord for this great cause, and that they would multiply the number and increase the importunity of their petitions, that His kingdom may come whose right it is to reign in every land under the whole heaven.

The spirit of emigration is wasting some of our churches, and a spirit of adventurous speculation and increasing worldliness is pervading others and eating out their piety as doth canker. We hope that the solemn admonition of the apostle will be remembered by all that are making haste to be rich: They that will be rich fall into a temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition; for the love of money is the root of all evil; which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

The institutions of the Sabbath continue to be regarded with affection and attention by our churches, and the attendance on the outward means it is believed has never been better. Sabbath-schools are still justly regarded by the most of our churches as blessed nurseries for the Church of Christ, in which the minds of the young are imbued with that knowledge which by the divine blessing has, in thousands of instances, made them wise unto salvation.

It is with pain and sorrow we have learned from many of the Presbyteries that the sin of Sabbath-breaking prevails to an alarming extent. On this holy day the cities and villages pour out their population on the surrounding country, to corrupt and pollute it; and upon all the great thoroughfares of

our country even some professors of religion may be found either directly or indirectly violating God's holy rest; thus contributing by their influence to bring into contempt an institution which we cannot but regard as vital to our common Christianity.

From the reports of the Assembly's Boards of Education and Missions we have learned that they are prosecuting their respective objects with vigor and success. The Assembly's Board of Missions have two hundred and fifty missionaries in the field, and the Board of Education have six hundred young men in course of preparation for the gospel ministry. Our Theological Seminaries continue to flourish; may they long continue to be nurseries of deep-toned piety as well as of sound learning!

The reports received from the Congregational churches in New England exhibit a healthy state of piety in the land of the Pilgrims, and give cheering evidence that God has not forgotten to revive his work in many of their waste places during the past year.

The American Home Missionary Society still continues to be a blessing to many ready to perish, and the Assembly are happy to learn that the smiles of Heaven still rest on the American Bible Society, and hope it will continue to possess the undivided confidence of all the churches.

In reviewing the past year we hope its solemn admonitions will not be forgotten. The troubles and agitations of our beloved Church still continue; the Spirit's influences are withheld; prayer is restrained before God; the love of many waxes cold; the spirit and temper of the world are invading the Church, and threatening in many places to mar or destroy the beautiful features of our holy religion; and our Church may soon become like the mountains of Gilboa, on which neither the rain nor dew of heaven descended.

SYNODS AND PRESBYTERIES.

The General Assembly has under its care *twenty-three* Synods, comprising *one hundred and twenty-eight* Presbyteries, viz.:

I. The Synod of Albany, containing the *six* Presbyteries of Londonderry, Newburyport, Champlain, Troy, Albany, and Columbia.

II. The Synod of Utica, containing the *five* Presbyteries of St. Lawrence, Watertown, Oswego, Oneida, and Otsego.

III. The Synod of Geneva, containing the *eight* Presbyteries of Geneva, Chenango, Onondaga, Cayuga, Tioga, Cortland, Bath, and Delaware.

IV. The Synod of Genesee, containing the *six* Presbyteries of Genesee, Ontario, Rochester, Niagara, Buffalo, and Angelica.

V. The Synod of New York, containing the *eight* Presbyteries of Hudson, North River, Bedford, Long Island, Long Island 2d, New York, New York 2d, and New York 3d.

VI. The Synod of New Jersey, containing the *six* Presbyteries of Newark, Elizabethtown, New Brunswick, Newton, Susquehanna, and Montrose.

VII. The Synod of Philadelphia, containing the *ten* Presbyteries of Philadelphia, Philadelphia 2d, Philadelphia 3d, New Castle, Wilmington, Lewes, Baltimore, Carlisle, Huntingdon, and Northumberland.

VIII. The Synod of Pittsburgh, containing the *eight* Presbyteries of Blairsville, Redstone, Washington, Ohio, Allegheny, Steubenville, Beaver, and Erie.

IX. The Synod of the Western Reserve, containing the *five* Presbyteries of Grand River, Portage, Huron, Trumbull, and Cleveland.

X. The Synod of Michigan, containing the *three* Presbyteries of Detroit, St. Joseph, and Monroe.

XI. The Synod of Ohio, containing the *six* Presbyteries of Athens, Columbus, Lancaster, Wooster, Richland, and Marion.

XII. The Synod of Cincinnati, containing the *four* Presbyteries of Chilicothe, Miami, Cincinnati, and Oxford.

XIII. The Synod of Indiana, containing the *six* Presbyteries of Salem, Vincennes, Madison, Crawfordsville, Indianapolis, and Logansport.

XIV. The Synod of Illinois, containing the *six* Presbyteries of Illinois, Kaskaskia, Sangamon, Ottawa, Schuyler, and Palestine.

XV. The Synod of Missouri, containing the *three* Presbyteries of Missouri, St. Louis, and St. Charles.

XVI. The Synod of Kentucky, containing the *five* Presbyteries of Louisville, Muhlenburg, Transylvania, West Lexington, and Ebenezer.

XVII. The Synod of Virginia, containing the *five* Presbyteries of Lexington, Winchester, District of Columbia, West Hanover, and East Hanover.

XVIII. The Synod of North Carolina, containing the *five* Presbyteries of Roanoke, Orange, Fayetteville, Concord, and Morganton.

XIX. The Synod of Tennessee, containing the *four* Presbyteries of Abingdon, Union, French Broad, and Holston.

XX. The Synod of West Tennessee, containing the *five* Presbyteries of West Tennessee, Nashville, Shiloh, North Alabama, and Western District.

XXI. The Synod of South Carolina and Georgia, containing the *seven* Presbyteries of South Carolina, Bethel, Harmony, Charleston Union, Georgia, Hopewell, and Flint River.

XXII. The Synod of Alabama, containing the *three* Presbyteries of South Alabama, Tuscaloosa, and Tombeckbee.

XXIII. The Synod of Mississippi, containing the *four* Presbyteries of Mississippi, Clinton, Arkansas, and Amite.

SUMMARY VIEW OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES, FOR 1836.

PRESBYTERIES.	Ministers.	Licentiates.	Candidates.	Churches.	Com. added on Examination.	Com. added on Certificate.	Total of Communicants.	Adults Baptized.	Infants Baptized.	Funds raised for Missions.	Funds raised for Education.	Funds raised for Theological Seminaries.	Funds raised for Commissioners.	Contingent Fund.	STATED CLERKS OF PRESBYTERIES.
Londonderry	22	...	...	12 *	140	.....	1239	21	62	.....	.....	.....	$ 10 50	.....	Edward L. Parker.
Newburyport	12	...	...	2	7	6	317	... *	27	$ 110 00	.....	.....	....	.....	Jonathan F. Stearns.
Champlain (1835)	18	1	2	18	124	36	2183	12	103	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Moses Chase.
Troy	27	2	2	29	58	123	1491	... *	83	.....	....	.....	24 44	$31 72	Mark Tucker, D. D.
Albany	33	7	13	36	136	126	3414	35	130	5187 31	$3515 12	$ 150 60	111 38	33 51	John Clancy.
Columbia	26	3	5	22	41	59	1479	21	77	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	John N. Lewis.
St. Lawrence	10	...	...	11	38	41	1060	... *	76	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	John A. Savage.
Watertown	14	1	5	23	62	54	1692	20	87	484 78	307 71	.....	24 43	3 85	George S. Boardman.
Oswego	14	1	...	23	25	53	1509	3	53	534 41	271 88	.....	15 80	.....	Robert W. Condit.
Oneida	39	12	...	40	75	63	1827	22	42	1090 11	497 91	.....	.....	.....	Oliver Wetmore.
Otsego	13	...	...	16	47	51	1717	15	63	1327 96	149 25	32 50	14 00	3 50	Alfred E. Campbell.
Geneva	37	...	1	39	114	221	3963	40	173	6954 97	345 50	227 50	104 36	.....	Thomas Lounsbury.
Chenango (1835)	10	1	...	20	45	58	1365	6	64	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	James Abell.
Onondaga	19	...	1	24	44	127	2693	9	93	1079 65	310 78	.....	53 00	.....	Ebenezer C. Beach.
Cayuga	33	21	5	30 *	207	.....	4170	52	84	2264 34	496 61	.....	73 23	25	Seth Smith.
Tioga	16	...	...	18	64	61	1542	19	32	779 93	130 00	75 00	13 38	.....	Zenas Riggs.
Cortland	16	1	...	15	28	25	1663	10	44	437 28	128 00	.....	2 47	.....	Caleb Clark.
Bath	28	...	...	40	88	85	2820	14	91	834 33	14 00	.....	22 34	.....	George R. Rudd.
Delaware	12	2	...	19	60	48	2213	22	71	705 21	145 37	.....	.....	5 00	Daniel Waterbury.
Genesee	27	...	...	25 *	281	.....	1723	20	73	998 45	242 36	.....	46 25	.....	James B. Shaw.
Ontario	25	...	...	24	160	94	2158	57	58	1116 66	161 50	9 90	29 60	4 00	John Barnard, Jr.
Rochester	24	2	...	24	362	215	3381	138	124	5493 12	3441 49	3450 00	47 69	.....	Luke Lyons.
Niagara	14	3	...	17	30	86	1840	12	38	492 16	182 90	.....	37 00	.....	Herman Halsey.
Buffalo	36	3	3	43	267	243	2572	103	152	3157 85	466 88	.....	29 00	.....	Timothy Stillman.
Angelica	11	...	...	20	30	30	1577	..... *	37	173 25	25 00	.....	32 50	1 50	Moses Hunter.
Hudson	22	1	...	24	95	27	2699	..... *	126	860 00	729 10	.....	32 21	12 50	Daniel T. Wood.
North River	20	3	5	21	111	169	1997	50	78	1181 48	609 00	.....	51 74	13 00	John Johnston.
Bedford	14	...	4	16	18	27	1140	..... *	42	781 95	252 93	46 15	.....	13 50	Jacob Green.
Long Island	12	2	3	14	19	9	1413	8	34	539 34	51 75	.....	21 04	10 00	Abraham Luce, Jr.

Long Island (2d)	8	1	1	11	31	22	1159	10	44	.....	.....	.....	35	58	.....	Joseph Nimmo.
New York	25	2	16	16	117	167	2773	15	113	4832	12	3055 97	6275	00	168 13	79 41	Elias W. Crane.
New York (2d)	7	...	3	5	22	42	887	15	79	3159	00	2108 50	.....		74 00	20 00	Joseph McElroy, D. D.
New York (3d)	33	7	...	23	495	334	3872	171	252	5547	13	3475 67	.....		2 50	.....	Erskine Mason.
Newark	35	2	2	29	* 307	.....	4454	47	136	5025	50	1663 33	.....		.....	62 40	Ebenezer Seymour.
Elizabethtown	26	3	3	21	133	149	4536	37	196	2180	76	1438 22	.....		92 74	50 48	James M. Hunting.
New Brunswick	31	11	8	19	58	69	2845	30	124	1453	07	433 16	50	00	78 16	28 72	Eli F. Cooley.
Newton	28	2	4	36	150	33	3680	23	171	1010	58	638 83	50	00	64 45	14 00	Isaac N. Candee.
Susquehanna	10	...	...	18	36	20	1106	10	61	353	35	37 32	.....		.....	.....	Oscar Harris.
Montrose	18	2	...	22	37	32	1452	...	* 43	389	42	159 00	.....		.....	.....	Sylvester Cooke.
Philadelphia	28	7	...	19	74	62	1756	25	80	2746	07	1339 15	70	00	109 17	.....	Samuel G. Winchester.
Philadelphia (2d)	15	5	5	15	141	127	2024	32	93	2902	10	6590 03	1600	00	61 72	61 72	John McDowell, D. D.
Philadelphia (3d)	26	7	3	24	189	131	2168	...	* 178	1935	70	2190 00	2073	00	.....	.....	Thomas Eustace.
Newcastle	25	3	3	36	96	47	2843	...	* 182	902	75	253 07	.....		63 17	.....	John N. C. Grier.
Wilmington	14	2	1	14	59	20	1145	17	49	.....		.....	.....		.....	5 00	E. W. Gilbert.
Lewes	5	...	1	12	22	8	375	5	52	236	67	.....	.....		21 02	.....	Alexander Campbell.
Baltimore (1834)	12	6	8	9	224	95	1376	33	142	.....		.....	.....		.....	.....	George W. Musgrave.
Carlisle	26	1	2	38	94	72	4178	10	106	1103	39	195 25	10	00	36 00	18 75	Richard Wynkoop.
Huntingdon	18	2	1	33	172	56	2915	21	236	910	77	102 65	40	00	43 50	10 00	John Hutchison.
Northumberland	13	2	1	24	56	6	1236	6	126	290	76	272 83	10	00	62 55	.....	Isaac Grier.
Blairsville	15	1	6	28	146	90	3620	28	269	510	82	82 77	77	54	54 46	.....	Samuel McFarren.
Redstone	12	2	3	28	135	64	2637	22	185	738	65	278 00	10	00	33 00	1 50	Ashbel G. Fairchild.
Washington	15	6	...	25	370	103	3097	84	261	2871	96	1592 32	464	50	59 78	25 00	William C. Anderson.
Ohio	29	4	5	29	209	95	3011	46	254	3277	20	2222 72	1956	18	102 01	20 00	William Jeffery.
Allegheny	13	1	1	27	135	71	2599	27	186	341	28	92 75	16	00	16 24	4 00	John Munson.
Steubenville	16	1	2	31	254	129	3218	44	233	624	26	562 00	114	50	41 45	.....	Charles C. Beatty.
Beaver	18	2	...	37	84	99	3246	26	182	509	12	35 37	62	00	13 21	.....	Robert Dilworth.
Erie	15	1	...	38	93	95	2515	...	* 134	566	00	130 00	.....		26 04	.....	Johnston Eaton.
Grand River	22	1	1	35	32	35	1721	11	25	536	00	91 00	.....		.....	.....	Dexter Witter.
Portage	27	3	...	23	59	132	1857	14	86	729	49	325 50	.....		16 21	1 37	William Hanford.
Huron	19	...	...	24	102	97	1025	38	70	.....		.....	.....		.....	.....	Xenophon Betts.
Trumbull	12	...	...	18	263	47	1232	75	50	210	00	.....	.....		9 80	.....	Wells Andrews.
Cleveland (1835)	27	1	...	39	181	214	1785	60	104	.....		.....	.....		.....	.....	Daniel W. Lathrop.
Detroit	12	...	...	26	91	182	779	22	95	2685	00	1717 00	.....		79 00	.....	John Cleaveland.
St. Joseph	11	1	...	12	45	107	364	10	23	222	50	196 00	.....		10 50	.....	Phanuel W. Warriner.
Monroe	9	1	1	21	148	222	1310	46	83	130	00	58 00	50	00	17 53	1 00	Ira M. Wead.
Athens	9	4	1	19	26	15	1134	3	13	115	61	27 37	.....		5 25	5 00	Addison Kingsbury.
Columbus	12	...	...	15	57	33	1124	13	82	396	12	363 97	59	44	40 00	5 00	James Hoge, D. D.
Lancaster	21	1	3	31	171	128	2622	39	199	1278	24	977 73	20	00	42 50	21 50	James Culbertson.
Wooster	9	...	...	26	130	78	2069	...	* 151	100	39	409 88	.....		16 00	13 34	William Cox.
Richland	10	1	...	21	145	87	1528	34	134	89	25	258 00	17	50	20 75	4 25	James Rowland.
Marion	8	...	...	19	64	62	1348	20	58	237	06	80 00	.....		19 23	2 00	Henry Van Deman.

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Chillicothe	22	1	5	28	91	110	2892	27	152	$ 899 11	$ 620 25	.....	$ 90 20	.....	John P. Vandyke.
Miami	18	1	...	28	41	77	1250	6	79	1077 63	186 00	.....	49 25	$ 6 00	James Coe.
Cincinnati	27	2	9	29	61	46	1858	21	107	393 87	555 44	$ 975 00	14 50	3 50	Thomas J. Biggs.
Oxford	14	6	6	26	100	39	1003	31	73	134 55	111 50	.....	53 08	10 00	John W. Scott.
Salem	8	1	1	20	1	6	270	...	18	8 18	7 00	.....	9 26	5 00	Alexander Williamson.
Vincennes	8	...	...	19	24	14	484	7	25	109 37	.....	.....	14 50	.....	Calvin Butler.
Madison	11	2	...	17	37	69	718	10	59	645 00	134 00	144 00	12 02	25 00	James H. Johnston.
Crawfordsville	13	...	...	20	48	63	613	12	73	168 71	12 00	.....	47 50	.....	James Thompson.
Indianapolis	10	1	...	22	47	62	811	... *	53	728 00	22 00	.....	59 50	.....	William Sickels.
Logansport	5	...	...	12	20	86	566	4	41	188 32	93 30	.....	83 50	.....	M. M. Post.
Illinois (1835)	11	...	1	13	38	78	418	4	13	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Thomas Lippincott.
Kaskaskia	6	1	...	17	9	10	241	... *	38	29 72	.....	.....	44 10	.....	William K. Stewart.
Sangamon	7	...	...	12	12	57	417	4	27	353 00	20 00	.....	24 50	.....	John G. Bergen.
Ottawa	8	...	...	9	10	70	243	3	9	203 12	42 13	.....	18 62	.....	Lucien Farnum.
Schuyler	12	...	...	10	30	81	370	8	30	215 00	.....	.....	21 00	.....	Robert Stewart.
Palestine	7	...	...	12	9	31	317	2	35	45 00	27 00	.....	36 00	.....	Isaac Bennett.
Missouri (1835)	5	...	...	10	28	17	347	13	21	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	F. R. Gray.
St. Louis (1835)	9	...	2	14	64	33	951	29	72						
St. Charles	12	1	...	15	43	30	349	33	21	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	George C. Wood.
Louisville	15	3	2	22	164	114	1533	78	81	906 12	835 75	.....	40 75	22 00	James H. Hawthorn.
Muhlenburg	9	...	...	15	19	14	664	... *	45	210 00	5 00	.....	11 00	.....	S. W. Calvert.
Transylvania	13	3	3	27	61	40	2632	38	93	908 93	1488 61	20 00	70 50	.....	James C. Barnes.
West Lexington	23	4	7	28	77	29	2054	46	37	1620 86	1430 87	.....	79 00	26 50	Robert Davidson.
Ebenezer	9	...	2	22	23	3	1404	10	28	140 70	262 44	.....	61 00	4 44	Andrew Todd.
Lexington	30	8	3	48 *	224	...	6677	54	237	830 06	1166 87	583 00	169 00	9 00	John A. Van Lear.
Winchester	14	1	2	29	54	2	1703	17	67	865 45	612 84	6 00	32 00	1 00	William Henry Foote.
District of Columbia	9	4	4	10	44	24	1259	4	52	1715 56	515 25	.....	48 00	14 00	John C. Smith.
West Hanover (1835)	30	9	4	35	40	15	2464	19	57	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Jesse S. Armistead.
East Hanover	19	2	1	18	53	28	1387	26	69	3081 00	2498 00	1254 00	6 00	38 31	Alexander Mebane.
Roanoke	7	1	...	13	25	5	634	6	26	192 25	274 00	.....	80 00	2 50	Samuel L. Graham, D. D.
Orange	19	3	12	27	156	7	1813	... *	117	479 67	328 25	225 00	88 40	.....	N. H. Harding.
Fayetteville	20	1	6	47	216	9	4100	33	163	833 75	1720 25	.....	129 50	25 00	James W. Douglass.
Concord	20	2	4	29	174	32	3308	42	281	1309 00	385 00	.....	39 00	.....	Samuel Williamson.

Morganton	5	...	...	19	19	10	635	5	15	90 00	.....	.....	80 37	.....	J. S. McCutchan.
Abingdon (1835)	6	...	...	12	12	1	818	...	* 11	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Alexander McEwen.
Union	26	2	8	27	61	25	2374	16	118	.....	.....	.....	15 00	7 50	Darius Hoyt.
French Broad	9	...	1	14	66	15	1339	19	66	372 00	23 00	.....	.....	2 81	Charles Coffin, D. D.
Holston	8	...	1	15	* 102	...	770	26	54	596 00	87 00	.....	.....	.....	John W. Cunningham.
West Tennessee	9	1	1	15	49	18	1129	17	79	359 00	363 50	.....	5 62	.....	Duncan Brown, D. D.
Nashville	10	...	1	9	23	24	471	10	26	374 78	563 10	.....	38 06	5 00	John T. Edgar, D. D.
Shiloh (1835)	11	3	4	25	127	21	1516	...	* 172	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	John W. Hall.
North Alabama	11	2	1	16	8	3	725	2	23	709 00	340 00	.....	60 25	4 00	Edward McMillan.
Western District	13	...	1	26	13	87	486	3	46	2 00	252 87	.....	47 80	3 00	Alexander A. Campbell.
South Carolina	14	2	3	36	48	10	2643	14	71	325 00	189 50	.....	65 50	.....	Samuel B. Lewers.
Bethel	10	2	...	21	117	15	1553	37	99	167 81	231 50	1185 00	80 00	.....	John B. Davies.
Harmony (1835)	17	7	4	27	95	16	2283	24	70	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	John Cousar.
Charleston Union	27	1	2	7	65	14	598	...	* 31	1250 00	1100 00	2800 00	50 00	.....	Benjamin Gildersleeve.
Georgia	9	1	1	9	12	28	308	...	* 18	170 00	64 00	200 00	57 00	.....	Horace S. Pratt.
Hopewell	22	3	3	40	59	39	821	20	69	227 00	300 00	5 00	41 00	.....	Hampden C. Carter.
Flint River (1835)	11	2	3	26	33	46	1478	4	49	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	James C. Patterson.
South Alabama (1835)	13	2	...	30	108	174	1460	37	90	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Thomas S. Witherspoon.
Tuscaloosa	8	1	...	16	47	63	592	14	69	577 32	608 00	26 50	162 00	12 00	William H. Williams.
Tombeckbee (1835)	7	1	...	10	15	11	406	7	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Thomas C. Stuart.
Mississippi	8	2	6	13	* 60	...	634	9	62	4861 50	8000 00	7950 00	100 50	42 75	Jeremiah Chamberlain, D. D.
Clinton	8	...	1	10	...	...	211	...	...	.....	.....	.....	10 00	.....	A. Newton.
Arkansas	5	...	...	5	1	2	238	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	James W Moore.
Amite	7	2	1	15	* 100	...	410	...	...	1043 00	1150 00	.....	.....	.....	John R. Hutchinson.
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PHILADELPHIA, *May 18th*, 1837.

THE General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America met, agreeably to appointment, in the Central Presbyterian Church, in the city of Philadelphia, on Thursday, the 18th day of May, 1837, at 11 o'clock A. M., and was opened with a sermon by the Rev. John Witherspoon, D. D., the Moderator of the last Assembly, from 1 Corinthians i. 10, 11: "Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind, and in the same judgment. For it hath been declared to me of you, my brethren, by them which are of the house of Chloe, that there are contentions among you."

After public worship the Assembly was constituted with prayer in the lecture-room of the Central Church, and had a recess until 4 o'clock.

At 4 o'clock the Assembly met.

The Standing Committee of Commissions reported that the following persons present have been duly appointed Commissioners to this General Assembly, viz.:

PRESBYTERY OF LONDONDERRY—*Ministers*—Rev. Calvin Cutler, Tertius D. Southworth. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF NEWBURYPORT—*Minister*—Rev. Edwin Holt. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF CHAMPLAIN—*Minister*—Rev. Bliss Burnap. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF TROY—*Ministers*—Rev. Nathan S. S. Beman, D. D., Gardner Hayden. *Elders*—Mr. Jonathan Wickware, Ezekiel Rand.

PRESBYTERY OF ALBANY—*Ministers*—Rev. Jeremiah Wood, Darius O. Griswold. *Elders*—Dr. James C. M'Goffin, Mr. Ananias Platt.

PRESBYTERY OF COLUMBIA—*Ministers*—Rev. David Porter, D. D., Jonathan Cone. *Elders*—Mr. Daniel Sayre, Zina Whittlesey,

PRESBYTERY OF ST. LAWRENCE—*Minister*—Rev. John A. Savage. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF WATERTOWN—*Minister*—Rev. Marcus Smith. *Elder*—Mr. Horace Hunt.

PRESBYTERY OF OSWEGO—*Minister*—Rev. William B. Stow.. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF ONEIDA—*Ministers*—Rev. Ira Pettibone, Lewis H. Loss. *Elders*—Mr. Ammi Doubleday, Thomas Williams.

PRESBYTERY OF OTSEGO—*Minister*—Rev. William Lockhead. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF GENEVA—*Ministers*—Rev. Philip C. Hay, Thomas Lounsbury. *Elder*—Mr. William Roy.

PRESBYTERY OF CHENANGO—*Minister*—Rev. Edwin Bronson. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF ONONDAGA—*Minister*—Rev. John Gridley. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF CAYUGA—*Ministers*—Rev. John W. M'Cullough, Washington Thatcher. *Elders*—Mr. Abner Hollister, Henry S. Walbridge.

PRESBYTERY OF TIOGA—*Minister*—Rev. Jonathan M. Rowland. *Elder*—Dr. Silas West.

PRESBYTERY OF CORTLAND—*Minister*—Rev. Joseph I. Foot. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF BATH—*Minister*—Rev. George E. Delavan. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF DELAWARE—*Minister*—Rev. Fayette Shipherd. *Elder*—Mr. Edgar M. Gregory.

PRESBYTERY OF CHEMUNG—*Minister*—Rev. George Spalding. *Elder*—Mr. Simeon Benjamin (6).*

PRESBYTERY OF GENESEE—*Ministers*—Rev. Solomon Stevens, James B. Shaw. *Elder*—Mr. Henry Brewster.

PRESBYTERY OF ONTARIO—*Minister*—Rev. Merit Harmon. *Elder*—Mr. Felix Tracy.

PRESBYTERY OF ROCHESTER—*Ministers*—Rev. John B. Richardson, William Mack. *Elder*—Mr. Obadiah N. Bush.

PRESBYTERY OF NIAGARA—*Minister*—Rev. Jonathan Hovey. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF BUFFALO—*Ministers*—Rev. Timothy Stillman, John B. Preston. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF ANGELICA—*Minister*—Rev. Samuel W. May. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF HUDSON—*Ministers*—Rev. John H. Leggett, James R. Johnston. *Elders*—Mr. Robert I. Crawford, James W. Wilkin.

PRESBYTERY OF NORTH RIVER—*Minister*—Rev. James I. Ostrom. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF BEDFORD—*Minister*—Rev. Reuben Frame. *Elder*—John Owen.

PRESBYTERY OF LONG ISLAND—*Minister*—Rev. Randolph Campbell (2). *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF LONG ISLAND (2d)—*Minister*—Rev. James C. Edwards. *Elder*—Dr. Charles Sturges.

PRESBYTERY OF NEW YORK—*Ministers*—Rev. John Goldsmith, George Potts. *Elders*—Mr. Samuel Boyd, James Lenox.

PRESBYTERY OF NEW YORK (2d)—*Minister*—Rev. Thomas M'Auley, D. D. *Elder*—Mr. Robert Aikman.

PRESBYTERY OF NEW YORK (3d)—*Ministers*—Rev. Absalom Peters, D. D., Nathaniel E. Johnson. *Elders*—Mr. James R. Gibson, David Schenck.

PRESBYTERY OF NEWARK—*Ministers*—Rev. Ebenezer Cheever, Ebenezer Seymour. *Elders*—Mr. David Burnet, Obadiah Woodruff.

PRESBYTERY OF ELIZABETHTOWN—*Ministers*—Rev. Nicholas Murray, William W. Blauvelt. *Elders*—Mr. Benjamin M'Dowell, Alexander Ogilvie.

PRESBYTERY OF NEW BRUNSWICK—*Ministers*—Rev. Archibald Alexander, D. D., John W. Yeomans. *Elders*—Mr. William Wilson, Dr. John T. Woodhull.

PRESBYTERY OF NEWTON—*Ministers*—Rev. George Junkin, D. D., Benjamin I. Lowe. *Elders*—Mr. George R. King, John Wilson.

PRESBYTERY OF SUSQUEHANNA—*Minister*—Rev. John Dorrance. *Elder*—Mr. Isaac Harris.

PRESBYTERY OF MONTROSE—*Minister*—Rev. Adam Miller. *Elder*—Mr. William Jessup.

PRESBYTERY OF PHILADELPHIA—*Ministers*—Rev. Ashbel Green, D. D., William Latta. *Elders*—Mr. William Fahnestock, Alexander Symington.

PRESBYTERY OF PHILADELPHIA (2d)—*Minister*—Rev. Cornelius C. Cuyler, D. D. *Elder*—Mr. James Darrach.

* A figure attached to the name of a member shows that he was not present at the opening of the Assembly, but took his seat on the day of the sessions designated by the attached figure.

Presbytery of Philadelphia (3d)—*Ministers*—Rev. John L. Grant. George Duffield. *Elders*—Mr. Ambrose White, Wilfred Hall.

Presbytery of New Castle—*Ministers*—Rev. J. T. Marshall Davie, Alfred Hamilton. *Elders*—Mr. James Penny, Dr. Robert H. Archer.

Presbytery of Wilmington—*Minister*—Rev. Eliphalet W. Gilbert. *Elder*—Mr. Jacob Faris.

Presbytery of Lewes—*Minister*—Rev. Alexander Campbell. *Elder*—Dr. John S. Martin.

Presbytery of Baltimore—*Minister*—Rev. Robert J. Breckinridge. *Elder*—Mr. John Hickson.

Presbytery of Carlisle—*Ministers*—Rev. Matthew B. Patterson, Thomas Creigh. *Elders*—Mr. Samuel M'Keehan, David Fullerton.

Presbytery of Huntingdon—*Minister*—Rev. M'Knight Williamson. *Elder*—Mr. Henry Long.

Presbytery of Northumberland—*Minister*—Rev. John H. Grier. *Elder*—Mr. John B. Boyd.

Presbytery of Blairsville—*Minister*—Rev. Watson Hughes. *Elder*—Mr. Joseph Cook.

Presbytery of Redstone—*Minister*—Rev. William Annan. *Elder*—Mr. Nathaniel Ewing.

Presbytery of Washington—*Minister*—Rev. James Hervey. *Elder*—Mr. Jacob Slagle.

Presbytery of Ohio—*Ministers*—Rev. Thomas D. Baird, David Eliott, D. D. *Elders*—Mr. Thomas Kiddoo, Dr. John Gladden.

Presbytery of Allegheny—*Minister*—Rev. John W. Johnston. *Elder*—Mr. Walter Lowrie.

Presbytery of Steubenville—*Minister*—Rev. Benjamin Mitchel. *Elder*—Mr. John Hannah.

Presbytery of Beaver—*Minister*—Rev. William O. Stratton. *Elder*—Mr. James Adair.

Presbytery of Erie—*Minister*—Rev. Samuel Tait. *Elder*—Mr. John M'Crakin.

Presbytery of Grand River—*Ministers*—Rev. Alanson Saunders, William Fuller. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of Portage—*Ministers*—Rev. John Seward, Rufus Nutting. *Elder*—Mr. Dudley Williams (2).

Presbytery of Huron—*Minister*—Rev. Eldad Barber. *Elder*—Mr. James Boyd.

Presbytery of Maumee—*Minister*—Rev. Benjamin Woodbury (2). *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of Trumbull—*Minister*—Rev. Isaac J. Rice. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of Lorain—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—Mr. Henry Brown.

Presbytery of Cleveland—*Minister*—Rev. Joseph H. Breck. *Elder*—Mr. Harmon Kingsbury.

Presbytery of Medina—*Minister*—Rev. Varnum Noyes. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of Detroit—*Minister*—Rev. John P. Cleaveland. *Elder*—Mr. Robert Stuart.

Presbytery of St. Joseph—*Minister*—Rev. Phanuel W. Warriner. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of Monroe—*Minister*—Rev. Ira M. Weed. *Elder*—Mr. Samuel Reed.

Presbytery of Athens—*Minister*—Rev. Bennet Roberts. *Elder*—Mr. Ephraim Cutler.

PRESBYTERY OF COLUMBUS—*Minister*—Rev. Elias Van Deman. *Elder*—Mr. William Patterson.

PRESBYTERY OF LANCASTER—*Minister*—Rev. Samuel Wilson. *Elder*—Mr. Robert Miller.

PRESBYTERY OF WOOSTER—*Minister*—Rev. Thomas Beer. *Elder*—Mr. Joseph M'Combs.

PRESBYTERY OF RICHLAND—*Minister*—Rev. Adam Torrance. *Elder*—Mr. James P. Turner.

PRESBYTERY OF MARION—*Minister*—Rev. Benjamin Dolbear. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF CHILLICOTHE—*Minister*—Rev. Samuel Steel. *Elder*—Mr. William Keys.

PRESBYTERY OF MIAMI—*Minister*—Rev. Simeon H. Crane. *Elder*—Mr. David Osborn.

PRESBYTERY OF CINCINNATI—*Ministers*—Rev. Baxter Dickinson, Horace Bushnell. *Elder*—Mr. Gabriel Tichenor.

PRESBYTERY OF OXFORD—*Minister*—Rev. Peter H. Golladay. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF SIDNEY—*Minister*—Rev. James Coe. *Elder*—Mr. Thomas Marquis, Sr.

PRESBYTERY OF SALEM—*Minister*—Rev. James W. Phillips. *Elder*—Dr. Burr Bradley.

PRESBYTERY OF VINCENNES—*Minister*—Rev. Hugh H. Patton. *Elder*—Mr. Minard S. Smith.

PRESBYTERY OF MADISON.—*Minister*—Rev. James Blythe, D. D. *Elder*—Mr. Robert Marshall.

PRESBYTERY OF CRAWFORDSVILLE—*Minister*—Rev. John Crawford. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF INDIANAPOLIS—*Minister*—Rev. James W., M'Kennan. *Elder*—Mr. Isaac Coe.

PRESBYTERY OF LOGANSPORT—*Minister*—Rev. James A. Carnahan. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF ILLINOIS—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—Mr. David B. Ayres.

PRESBYTERY OF KASKASKIA—*Minister*—Rev. James Stafford. *Elder*—Mr. James H. Rice.

PRESBYTERY OF SANGAMON—*Minister*—Rev. Dewey Whitney. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF OTTAWA—*Minister*—Rev. Nathaniel C. Clark. *Elder*—Mr. John Leonard (4).

PRESBYTERY OF SCHUYLER—*Minister*—Rev. William K. Stewart. *Elder*—Mr. William W. Bailey.

PRESBYTERY OF PALESTINE—*Minister*—Rev. Enoch Kingsbury. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF PEORIA—*Minister*—Rev. Nahum Gould.—*Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF ALTON—*Minister*—Rev. Frederick W. Graves. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF MISSOURI—*Minister*—Rev. Hiram Chamberlain. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF ST. LOUIS—*Minister*—Rev. William C. Wisner. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF ST. CHARLES—*Minister*—Rev. Hervey H. Hays (4). *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF LOUISVILLE—*Minister*—Rev. Henry H. Hopkins. *Elder*—Mr. Charles S. Todd.

PRESBYTERY OF MUHLENBURG—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF TRANSYLVANIA—*Minister*—Rev. Thomas Cleland, D. D. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF WEST LEXINGTON—*Minister*—Rev. Charles Stuart. *Elder*—Mr. John M. C. Irwin.

PRESBYTERY OF EBENEZER—*Minister*—Rev. Andrew Todd. *Elder*—Mr. Thomas P. Smith.

PRESBYTERY OF LEXINGTON—*Ministers*—Rev. John Hendren, James Morrison. *Elders*—Mr. John K. Moore, John Alexander.

PRESBYTERY OF WINCHESTER—*Minister*—Rev. William Henry Foote. *Elder*—Mr. James H. Fitzgerald (7).

PRESBYTERY OF DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA—*Minister*—Rev. John Mines. *Elder*—Mr. Jacob Gideon.

PRESBYTERY OF WEST HANOVER—*Ministers*—Rev. George A. Baxter, D. D., Andrew Hart. *Elders*—Mr. John Miller, Samuel C. Anderson.

PRESBYTERY OF EAST HANOVER—*Minister*—Rev. William S. Plumer. *Elder*—Mr. John Dunn.

PRESBYTERY OF ROANOKE—*Minister*—Rev. Samuel L. Graham, D. D. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF ORANGE—*Minister*—Rev. Eli W. Caruthers. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF FAYETTEVILLE—*Minister*—Rev. Archibald M'Queen. *Elder*—Mr. Henry Potter.

PRESBYTERY OF CONCORD—*Minister*—Rev. Walter S. Pharr. *Elder*—Mr. George Andrews.

PRESBYTERY OF MORGANTON—*Minister*—Rev. Albertus L. Watts. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF ABINGDON—*Minister*—Rev. George Painter. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF UNION—*Minister*—Rev. Thomas Brown. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF FRENCH BROAD—*Minister*—Rev. Francis A. M'Corkle. *Elder*—Mr. John M'Sween.

PRESBYTERY OF HOLSTON—*Minister*—Rev. John W. Cunningham. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF WEST TENNESSEE—*Minister*—Rev. Duncan Brown, D. D. *Elder*—Mr. Zebina Conkey.

PRESBYTERY OF NASHVILLE—*Minister*—Rev. James Galbraith. *Elder*—Mr. John Patton.

PRESBYTERY OF SHILOH—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF NORTH ALABAMA.—*Minister*—Rev. James L. Sloss. *Elder*—Mr. William Leatch.

PRESBYTERY OF WESTERN DISTRICT—*Minister*—Rev. Samuel Hodge. *Elder*—Mr. James Greer.

PRESBYTERY OF SOUTH CAROLINA—*Minister*—Rev. Anthony W. Ross. *Elder*—Dr. John W. Simpson.

PRESBYTERY OF BETHEL—*Minister*—Rev. James H. Thornwell (9). *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF HARMONY—*Minister*—Rev. John Witherspoon, D. D. *Elder*—Mr. John C. Coit.

PRESBYTERY OF CHARLESTON UNION—*Ministers*—Rev. Aaron W. Leland, D. D., Elipha White. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF GEORGIA—*Minister*—Rev. Horace S. Pratt. *Elder*—None.

PRESBYTERY OF HOPEWELL—*Minister*—Rev. Charles W. Howard. *Elder*—Mr. James M'Dowell (9).

Presbytery of Flint River—*Minister*—Rev. Thomas Goulding, D. D. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of South Alabama—*Minister*—Rev. Thomas S. Witherspoon (5). *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of Tuscaloosa—*Minister*—Rev. Nicholson R. Morgan. *Elder*—Mr. David Johnston.

Presbytery of Tombeckbee—*Minister*—None. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of Mississippi—*Minister*—Rev. John H. Van Court. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of Clinton—*Minister*—Rev. Robert Brotherton. *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of Arkansas—*Minister*—Rev. Alexander R. Banks (2). *Elder*—None.

Presbytery of Louisiana—*Minister*—Rev. James Smylie. *Elder*—Mr. Nathaniel Smylie.

CORRESPONDING BODIES.

General Association of Connecticut—Rev. Charles Prentice, Zebulon Crocker (2).

General Association of Massachusetts—Rev. Alfred Ely, D. D., Calvin Hitchcock.

General Association of New Hampshire—Rev. Austin Richards.

General Convention of Vermont—Rev. Edward W. Hooker.

General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church—Rev. Jacob Van Vechten, D. D. (9). *Elder*—Mr. Peter D. Vroom.

General Synod of the German Reformed Church—Rev. William T. Sprole, John H. Smaltz (11).

General Conference of Maine—*Layman*—Mr. William Ladd.

Evangelical Consociation of Rhode Island—Rev. Benjamin R. Allen (2).

The committee further reported that Mr. David B. Ayres, a ruling elder from the Presbytery of Illinois, had appeared without a commission; and that the Rev. Bliss Burnap, of the Presbytery of Champlain, and Mr. Henry Brown, a ruling elder from the Presbytery of Lorain, had presented commissions without the signature of the Moderator.

These cases were referred to Mr. Cleaveland, Mr. Murray, and Mr. Ewing as a committee of elections.

Dr. Cuyler, Mr. A. White, and Mr. Symington were appointed a committee to inquire whether a more convenient place can be obtained for the sessions of the Assembly.

The Committee of Elections reported in favor of receiving the members whose cases were referred to them, and it was ordered that their names be inserted in the roll of Commissioners.

Rev. David Elliott, D. D., was elected Moderator, and Rev. Horace S. Pratt, Temporary Clerk.

Rev. John M. Krebs was elected Permanent Clerk, in the place of Rev. Dr. John M'Dowell, elected Stated Clerk by the last Assembly.

Resolved, That the Permanent Clerk have printed for the use of the Assembly 1000 copies of the roll.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

Friday morning, May 19, 9 *o'clock.*

The Assembly met agreeably to adjournment, and was opened with prayer.

The roll was called, and the minutes of the last session were read.

The Committee of Commissions reported the following additional members, who appeared and took their seats, viz.: Rev. Randolph Campbell, from the Presbytery of Long Island; Mr. Dudley Williams, ruling elder, from the Presbytery of Portage; Rev. Benjamin R. Allen, from the Evangelical Consociation of Rhode Island; and Rev. Benjamin Woodbury, from the Presbytery of Maumee.

Resolved, That the calling of the roll at the opening of the sessions be dispensed with.

Dr. Witherspoon, Dr. Alexander, Dr. Beman, Mr. Murray, Mr. A. Todd, Mr. Latta, Dr. Cleland, Mr. Fullerton, Mr. Coe, Mr. Kiddoo, and Mr. T. P. Smith were appointed a committee of bills and overtures, to meet in this house on the rising of the Assembly this morning, and afterwards on their own adjournments.

Dr. Junkin, Mr. Plumer, Mr. M'Kennan, Mr. Dickinson, Dr. Cuyler, Mr. Jessup, Mr. Ewing, Mr. B. M'Dowell, and Mr. Lenox were appointed a judicial committee, to meet in this house on the rising of the Assembly this morning, and afterwards on their own adjournments.

Mr. Annan, Mr. Crane, Mr. Pettibone, Dr. Woodhull, Mr. Bailey, Dr. John S. Martin, and Mr. Slagle were appointed a committee on leave of absence.

Mr. Ambrose White, Mr. Potter, and Mr. Symington were appointed a committee to receive an account of the miles traveled by the Commissioners, and to make an apportionment of the Commissioners' fund agreeably to the standing rule on the subject.

It was moved that the appeal of the Rev. Dr. Wylie, laid over by the last Assembly, be made the order of the day for Monday afternoon next. The motion was laid on the table.

Dr. Brown, Mr. Wisner, and Mr. J. Alexander were appointed a committee of arrangements for the devotional exercises of Wednesday next.

Mr. Steel, Dr. Graham, Mr. Stratton, Mr. H. Kingsbury, and Dr. Archer were appointed a committee to receive reports from the Presbyteries on the state of religion, and draw up a general narrative. The reports were called for, and put into the hands of the committee.

The annual report of the Directors of the Western Theological Seminary was presented, read, accepted, and referred to a committee consisting of Messrs. Hervey, Davie, and Darrach.

The unfinished business of last year in relation to the transfer of the Western Theological Seminary was referred to the same committee.

The Assembly proceeded to call for reports from Presbyteries on the subject of making the alteration in the constitution proposed by the last two Assemblies, viz.: to require candidates for the ministry to study three years instead of two. The reports were received, and committed to Mr. Gilbert, Mr. Frame, and Mr. Aikman. The same committee was authorized to receive from the Stated Clerk the reports from the Presbyteries, made last year, on the same subject.

The reports from the Presbyteries on the subject of making the alteration in the constitution proposed by the last Assembly, viz.: "That so much of the constitution of the Church as empowers the General Assembly to issue appeals, complaints, and references brought before them from the lower judicatories, except in cases of charges against a minister of the gospel for error or heresy, and of process commencing in the Synods, be so amended that hereafter the Synods be the judicatories of the last resort," were called for, and committed to the same committee.

The committee to procure a more convenient place for the sessions of the Assembly reported that the Seventh Presbyterian Church would be at their service on Monday morning.

In consequence of the suggestion of a member of the Assembly, that the Sixth Church could be had immediately, the Assembly adjourned to meet there this afternoon at half-past 3 o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

Friday afternoon, half-past 3 o'clock.

In consequence of some misunderstanding the Sixth Presbyterian Church, to which the Assembly had adjourned in the morning, had neither been prepared nor opened for their use; and a notice having been placed on the gates that the Assembly would meet in the lecture-room of the Central Church, the organizing of the Assembly was attended with some embarrassment. A portion of the Assembly at the hour appointed for meeting assembled near the door of the Sixth Church, and, having called Dr. Blythe to preside, constituted the meeting with prayer. Immediately on the close of the prayer, the building having in the mean time been opened, the meeting entered the church, and Dr. Witherspoon, the last Moderator present, took the chair, when, after some conversation, a committee was appointed to wait on the members who, it was thought, had assembled elsewhere, and inform them that the Assembly was organized in the place of adjournment and were waiting their attendance. Simultaneously with these proceedings a portion of the Assembly, with the Moderator and Clerks, in consequence of the Sixth Church not having been opened, and of the notices which were placed on the gates, assembled in the lecture-room of the Central Church, and, having commenced their session with prayer, proceeded to read the minutes and transact some ordinary business. While thus engaged the committee from that portion of the Assembly which had met in the Sixth Church appeared and communicated their message. After some conversation, a committee was appointed, on behalf of that portion of the Assembly met in the lecture-room of the Central Church, to accompany the other committee and request the attendance of their brethren with them, and in the mean time, having suspended the transaction of business, held a recess. On the arrival of the brethren from the Sixth Church, who had regularly adjourned to meet forthwith in the lecture-room of the Central Church, the Moderator of the Assembly took the chair, and, on motion of the House, opened the meeting with prayer, when the minutes of the morning's session were read.

The Committee of Commissions reported the following additional members, who took their seats, viz.: Rev. Zebulon Crocker, from the General Association of Connecticut; and the Rev. Alexander R. Banks, from the Presbytery of Arkansas.

The Permanent Clerk reported that there had been put into his hands the following appeals and complaints, which were referred to the Judicial Committee, viz.: Appeal of Rev. A. G. Morss and others of the congregation of Frankford from decisions of the Second Presbytery of Philadelphia; Complaint of certain members of the Synod of Illinois against the Presbytery of Kaskaskia for receiving the Rev. Wm. Frazer; Extracts from the minutes of the Synod of Cincinnati in the case of the Rev. Joseph C. Harrison; Complaint of John Brick and others against the Synod of Illinois in the case of the Rev. William Frazer; Appeal and complaint of Adam Johnson from the Presbytery of Philadelphia; Appeal of Oneida Presbytery from the Synod of Utica in the case of the Rev. Edward Fairchild; Appeal of the Session of the church at Scottsville against the Synod of Genesee; Complaints of the Session of the church at West Chester, of James Patterson

and others, of E. W. Gilbert and others, and of J. M. Bear and others, all against the Synod of Philadelphia.

The above appeals and complaints were referred to the Judicial Committee.

A document purporting to be a memorial from a convention of Presbyterian ministers and elders, now in session in this city, was presented to the Assembly, and was referred to the Committee of Bills and Overtures.

The committee to obtain a more convenient place for the sessions of the Assembly reported that the Seventh Church would be at their service to-morrow morning.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock in the Seventh Presbyterian Church.

Concluded with prayer.

Saturday morning, May 20th, 9 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and opened with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The Treasurer of the Trustees of the General Assembly presented a copy of his annual cash account, as settled by a committee of the Trustees, and the book of accounts was laid on the table for the inspection of the members.

The following committees were appointed to examine the records of the several Synods, viz.: the records of the Synod of—

Albany—Mr. Hendren, Mr. Painter, and Mr. J. H. Rice.
Utica—Mr. Baird, Mr. Torrance, and Mr. Tichenor.
Geneva—Dr. Goulding, Mr. Carnahan, and Mr. Coit.
Genesee—Mr. Bushnell, Mr. Van Deman, and Mr. S. Boyd.
New York—Mr. A. Campbell, Mr. James Coe, and Mr. Long.
New Jersey—Mr. Cleaveland, Mr. Tait, and Dr. Bradley.
Philadelphia—Mr. Van Court, Dr. M'Auley, and Dr. Gladden.
Pittsburgh—Mr. Cheever, Mr. M'Cullough, and Mr. C. S. Todd.
Western Reserve—Mr. Goldsmith, Mr. Beer, and Mr. Darrach.
Michigan—Mr. W. H. Foote, Mr. Caruthers, and Mr. Gideon.
Ohio—Mr. Spalding, Mr. Stillman, and Mr. D. Johnston.
Cincinnati—Mr. Richardson, Mr. Pharr, and Mr. Andrews.
Indiana—Mr. Yeomans, Mr. Edwards, and Mr. M'Keehan.
Illinois—Dr. Blythe, Mr. Hopkins, and Mr. James Boyd.
Missouri—Mr. Stevens, Mr. Howard, and Mr. Ogilvie.
Kentucky—Mr. Leggett, Mr. Potts, and Mr. Keys.
Virginia—Dr. Peters, Mr. W. Hughes, and Mr. Hickson.
North Carolina—Mr. Shipherd, Mr. Mines, and Mr. John Patton.
Tennessee—Mr. Creigh, Mr. Lowe, and Mr. Moore.
West Tennessee—Mr. Brotherton, Mr. E. White, and Mr. Marquis.
South Carolina and Georgia—Mr. Dolbear, Mr. Dorrance, and Mr. Owen.
Alabama—Mr. Sloss, Mr. W. K. Stewart, and Mr. W. Patterson.
Mississippi—Mr. Duffield, Mr. Golladay, and Mr. Fahnestock.

A written report was received from Mr. Hopkins, delegate to the General Convention of Vermont.

The Committee of Bills and Overtures reported—

Overture No. 1, viz.: "Testimony and Memorial of the Convention," in relation to errors and irregularities in the Presbyterian Church.

Overture No. 2, viz.: A memorial from the Presbytery of New Brunswick on the same subject.

Overture No. 3, viz.: A memorial from the Presbytery of Albany on the same subject.

Overture No. 4, viz.: A memorial from the Presbytery of Lancaster on the same subject.

It was moved to receive and read these overtures, and, after debate, they were recommitted to the same committee.

The annual report of the Trustees of the General Assembly was read, and referred to a committee consisting of Mr. Jessup, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Potter, Mr. Fullerton, and Dr. Martin.

The annual report of the Trustees of the Theological Seminary at Princeton was read, accepted, and ordered to be printed in the Appendix to the Minutes.

The Committee of Bills and Overtures again reported the Overtures Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 4, which had been recommitted to them. Overture No. 1 was read, and committed to Dr. Alexander, Mr. Plumer, Dr. Green, Dr. Baxter, Dr. Leland, Mr. Lowrie, and Mr. Lenox.

The Assembly adjourned till 9 o'clock on Monday morning.

Concluded with prayer.

Monday morning, May 22d, 9 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The Committee of Commissions reported the following additional members, viz.: Mr. John Leonard, ruling elder from the Presbytery of Ottawa, and the Rev. Hervey H. Hays, from the Presbytery of St. Charles.

A memorial on the subject of Slavery was presented, and referred to the Committee of Bills and Overtures.

The Committee of Bills and Overtures reported—

Overture No. 5, viz.: From the Synod of Alabama, on the right of examination by Presbyteries.

Overture No. 6, viz.: From the Second Presbytery of Philadelphia, the papers of Mr. Jardine, a foreign minister.

Overture No. 7, viz.: From the Presbytery of Salem, on Foreign Missions.

Overture No. 8, viz.: Memorial of the Synod of Michigan, on the Sabbath.

Overture No. 9, viz.: From the Presbytery of Fayetteville, on vacant churches.

Overture No. 10, viz.: From the Presbytery of Union, inquiring to whom they should report on the subject of education.

These overtures were put on the docket.

Overtures Nos. 2, 3, and 4 were read, and referred to the Committee on Overture No. 1.

The committee to whom Overture No. 1, viz.: "The Memorial and Testimony of the Convention," had been referred, made a report in part; and their report was read and accepted.

It was moved to adopt so much of the report as relates to doctrinal errors, whereupon a motion was made to amend the report by adding to the specification of errors certain others; when, after some debate, it was

Resolved, That the whole subject be postponed, and made the order of the day for to-morrow morning.

Resolved, That that part of the report which refers to the plan of union between Presbyterians and Congregationalists in the new settlements adopted in 1801, be made the order of the day for this afternoon.

The Clerk announced to the Assembly that one hundred and fifty copies of the last annual report of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions had been put into his hands for the use of the Assembly. These reports were distributed among the members.

A letter was received from the American Sunday-School Union, inviting the Assembly to be present at the delivery of the annual sermon this evening, and at the anniversary of the society to-morrow afternoon.

A letter was received from the Trustees of the General Assembly informing them of two vacancies in the Board, viz.: One caused by the resignation of the Rev. Ezra S. Ely, D. D., and the other by the death of the late Robert Ralston, Esq. The letter was put on the docket.

Adjourned till this afternoon at half-past 3 o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

Monday afternoon, half-past 3 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

Dr. Tucker and Mr. Boyd, delegates to the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church, made reports in writing, which were read and accepted.

The report of the Directors of the Theological Seminary at Princeton was read, accepted, and ordered to be printed in the Appendix to the Minutes.

Overture No. 6, viz.: The papers of the Rev. Andrew Jardine, a foreign minister, was referred to Dr. Porter, Mr. Hamilton, and Mr. Penny.

The Assembly proceeded to the order of the day, viz.: That part of the report of the Committee on Overture No. 1 which relates to the "Plan of Union" adopted in 1801.

The report was read and adopted, in part, as follows, viz.:

"In regard to the relation existing between the Presbyterian and Congregational churches, the committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. "That between these two branches of the American Church there ought, in the judgment of this Assembly, to be maintained sentiments of mutual respect and esteem, and for that purpose no reasonable efforts should be omitted to preserve a perfectly good understanding between these branches of the Church of Christ.

2. "That it is expedient to continue the plan of friendly intercourse, between this Church and the Congregational churches of New England, as it now exists."

A third resolution, to abrogate the "Plan of Union," was discussed for some time.

Adjourned till 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Concluded with prayer.

Tuesday morning, May 23d, 9 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The Committee of Commissions reported an additional member, who took his seat, viz.: Rev. Thomas S. Witherspoon, from the Presbytery of South Alabama.

The committee to make arrangements for the devotional exercises of Wednesday next made a report, which was accepted, amended, and adopted, and is as follows, viz.: The exercises to commence at 10 o'clock in this house: 1st. The Moderator to state the design of the exercises, and give out a psalm or hymn. 2d. Prayer, by Dr. Alfred Ely. 3d. Reading the Scriptures, by Mr. Richardson. 4th. Address, by Dr. M'Auley. 5th. Psalm or hymn, and prayer, by Dr. Green. 6th. Reading the Scriptures, by Mr. E. Johnston. 7th. Address, by Mr. Plumer. 8th. Prayer, doxology, and benediction by Dr. Baxter.

A written report was made by Mr. Murray, delegate to the General Associations of Maine, Rhode Island, and Connecticut, which was read and accepted.

A report on the subject of publishing the Assembly's Psalms and Hymns

was received from Mr. Solomon Allen, which was accepted and ordered to be printed in the Appendix.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported Overture No. 11, viz.: an application from the delegate from the General Conference of Maine to be heard on the subject of peace.

The overture was put on the docket.

The order of the day, viz.: that part of the report of the committee on Overture No. 1 which relates to doctrinal errors was postponed, with a view of resuming the unfinished business of yesterday, viz.: that part of the report of the same committee which recommends the abrogation of the "Plan of Union."

The third resolution on this subject was taken up, and discussed for a considerable time.

Adjourned till this afternoon at half-past 3 o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

Tuesday afternoon, half-past 3 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The committee to whom Overture No. 6, viz.: the papers from the Second Presbytery of Philadelphia relative to Mr. Jardine, a foreign minister, had been referred, reported in favor of giving to that Presbytery permission to receive him. The report was adopted.

The Assembly resumed the unfinished business of this morning, viz.: that part of the report of the committee on Overture No. 1 which recommends the abrogation of the "Plan of Union." The resolution was discussed for some time, when the previous question was demanded, and decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, as follows, viz.:

"Shall the main question be now put?"

YEAS—Messrs. Platt, Leggett, J. R. Johnston, R. I. Crawford, Wilkin, Frame, Owen, Edwards, Sturges, Goldsmith, S. Boyd, Lenox, Murray, M'Dowell, A. Alexander, Yeomans, W. Wilson, Woodhull, Junkin, Lowe, King, John Wilson, Dorrance, Harris, Green, Latta, Fahnestock, Symington, Cuyler, Davie, Hamilton, Penny, Hickson, M. B. Patterson, Creigh, McKeehan, Fullerton, Williamson, Long, J. H. Grier, J. B. Boyd, Hughes, Cook, Annan, Ewing, Hervey, Slagle, Baird, Kiddoo, Gladden, J. W. Johnston, Lowrie, Mitchel, Hannah, Stratton, Adair, Tait, M'Crackin, Van Deman, W. Patterson, S. Wilson, R. Miller, Beer, M'Combs, Torrance, Turner, Steel, Keys, Crane, Osborn, Golladay, J. Coe, Marquis, H. Patton, M. S. Smith, Blythe, Marshall, M'Kennan, I. Coe, Stafford, J. H. Rice, W. K. Stewart, Bailey, Hopkins, C. S. Todd, C. Stuart, Irwin, A. Todd, Hendren, Morrison, Moore, J. Alexander, W. H. Foote, Baxter, Hart, John Miller, Anderson, Dunn, Graham, Caruthers, M'Queen, Potter, Pharr, Andrews, Watts, Duncan Brown, Conkey, Galbraith, John Patton, Sloss, Leatch, Hodge, James Greer, Ross, Simpson, J. Witherspoon, Coit, Leland, Pratt, Howard, Goulding, T. S. Witherspoon, Morgan, D. Johnson, Van Court, Brotherton, Banks, J. Smylie, N. Smylie—129.

NAYS—Messrs. C. Cutler, Southworth, Holt, Burnap, Beman, Hayden, Wickware, Rand, Wood, Griswold, M'Goffin, Porter, Cone, Sayre, Whittlesey, Savage, M. Smith, Hunt, Stow, Pettibone, Loss, Doubleday, T. Williams, Lockhead, Hay, Lounsbury, Roy, Bronson, Gridley, M'Cullough, Thatcher, Hollister, Walbridge, Rowland, West, J. I. Foot, Delavan, Shipherd, Gregory, Spalding, Stevens, Shaw, Brewster, Harmon, Tracy, Richardson, Mack, Bush, Hovey, Stillman, Preston, May, Ostrom, R. Campbell, Potts, M'Auley, Aikman, Peters, Schenck, Cheever, Seymour, Woodruff, Blauvelt, Ogilvie, Adam

Miller, Jessup, Darrach, Grant, Duffield, Hall, Archer, Gilbert, Faris, A. Campbell, Martin, Saunders, Fuller, Seward, Nutting, D. Williams, Barber, James Boyd, Woodbury, I. J. Rice, H. Brown, Breck, H. Kingsbury, Noyes, Cleaveland, R. Stuart, Warriner, Wead, Reed, Roberts, E. Cutler, Dolbear, Dickinson, Bushnell, Tichenor, Phillips, Bradley, J. Crawford, Carnahan, Ayres, Whitney, Clark, E. Kingsbury, Leonard, Gould, Graves, Chamberlain, Wisner, Hays, Cleland, T. P. Smith, Mines, Gideon, Painter, Thomas Brown, M'Corkle, M'Sween, E. White—123.

The resolution was then adopted, by yeas and nays, as follows, viz.:

3. "But as the 'Plan of Union' adopted for the new settlements in 1801 was originally an unconstitutional act on the part of that Assembly—these important standing rules having never been submitted to the Presbyteries—and as they were totally destitute of authority as proceeding from the General Association of Connecticut, which is invested with no power to legislate in such cases, and especially to enact laws to regulate churches not within her limits; and as much confusion and irregularity have arisen from this unnatural and unconstitutional system of union,—therefore, it is *Resolved*, That the Act of the Assembly of 1801, entitled a 'Plan of Union,' be and the same is hereby abrogated." See *Digest*, pp. 297–299.

YEAS—Wood, Griswold, M'Goffin, Platt, Mack, Leggett, J. R. Johnston, R. I. Crawford, Wilkin, Frame, Owen, Edwards, Sturges, Goldsmith, Potts, S. Boyd, Lenox, Murray, Blauvelt, M'Dowell, Ogilvie, A. Alexander, Yeomans, William Wilson, Woodhull, Junkin, Lowe, King, John Wilson, Dorrance, Harris, Green, Latta, Fahnestock, Symington, Cuyler, Darrach, Davie, Hamilton, Penny, Breckinridge, Hickson, M. B. Patterson, Creigh, M'Keehan, Fullerton, Williamson, Long, J. H. Grier, J. B. Boyd, Hughes, Cook, Annan, Ewing, Hervey, Slagle, Baird, Kiddoo, Gladden, J. W. Johnston, Lowrie, Mitchell, Hannah, Stratton, Adair, Tait, M'Crackin, Van Deman, W. Patterson, S. Wilson, R. Miller, Beer, M'Combs, Torrance, Turner, Dolbear, Steel, Keys, Crane, Osborn, Golladay, J. Coe, Marquis, H. Patton, M. S. Smith, Blythe, Marshall, M'Kennan, I. Coe, Stafford, J. H. Rice, W. K. Stewart, Bailey, Chamberlain, Hopkins, C. S. Todd, Cleland, C. Stuart, Irwin, A. Todd, Hendren, Morrison, Moore, John Alexander, W. H. Foote, Mines, Baxter, Hart, John Miller, Anderson, Dunn, Graham, Caruthers, M'Queen, Potter, Pharr, Andrews, Watts, Cunningham, D. Brown, Conkey, Galbraith, J. Patton, Sloss, Leatch, Hodge, J. Greer, Ross, Simpson, J. Witherspoon, Coit, Leland, Pratt, Howard, Goulding, T. S. Witherspoon, Morgan, D. Johnson, Van Court, Brotherton, Banks, J. Smylie, N. Smylie—143.

NAYS—C. Cutler, Southworth, Holt, Burnap, Beman, Hayden, Wickware, Rand, Porter, Cone, Sayre, Whittlesey, M. Smith, Hunt, Stow, Pettibone, Loss, Doubleday, T. Williams, Hay, Lounsbury, Roy, Bronson, Gridley, M'Cullough, Thatcher, Hollister, Walbridge, Rowland, West, J. I. Foot, Delavan, Shipherd, Gregory, Spalding, Stevens, Shaw, Brewster, Harmon, Tracy, Richardson, Bush, Hovey, Stillman, Preston, May, Ostrom, R. Campbell, M'Auley, Aikman, Peters, Schenck, Cheever, Seymour, Burnet, Woodruff, Adam Miller, Jessup, Grant, Duffield, A. White, Hall, Archer, Gilbert, Faris, A. Campbell, Martin, Saunders, Fuller, Seward, Nutting, D. Williams, Barber, J. Boyd, Woodbury, I. J. Rice, H. Brown, Breck, H. Kingsbury, Noyes, Cleaveland, R. Stuart, Warriner, Wead, Reed, Roberts, E. Cutler, Dickinson, Bushnell, Tichenor, Phillips, Bradley, J. Crawford, Carnahan, Ayres, Whitney, Clark, Leonard, E. Kingsbury, Gould, Graves, Wisner, Hays, T. P. Smith, Gideon, Painter, T. Brown, M'Corkle, M'Sween, E. White—110.

The report of the Board of Missions was made the order of the day immediately after the religious exercises of to-morrow morning.

Adjourned for business till to-morrow morning, after the religious exercises.

Concluded with prayer.

Wednesday morning, May 24th, 10 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and spent some time in public religious exercises, agreeably to the report of the committee of arrangements. After which the Assembly was opened with prayer.

The reading of the minutes of the last session was dispensed with.

The Committee of Commissions reported an additional member, viz.: Mr. Simeon Benjamin, a ruling elder from the Presbytery of Chemung.

The Assembly proceeded to the order of the day, viz.: The annual report of the Board of Missions, which was read. The report was accepted, and ordered to be published under the direction of the Board.

Adjourned till this afternoon at half-past 3 o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

Wednesday afternoon, half-past 3 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The minutes of the last two sessions were read.

The committee on Overture No. 1, viz.: "The Testimony and Memorial of the Convention," made a further report "respecting so much of the memorial as relates to the toleration of gross errors in doctrine or disorders in practice by inferior judicatories." The report was read and accepted. The report was then recommitted, and the committee was instructed to make a full report on the memorial as soon as convenient.

The Assembly proceeded to the order of the day, postponed from yesterday, viz.: that part of the report of the committee on the memorial which relates to doctrinal errors, when the motion to amend the report by adding to the specification of errors certain others was discussed for some time; it was then moved that the amendment be indefinitely postponed; and after some debate

The Assembly adjourned till to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

Thursday morning, May 25th, 9 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The Committee of Commissions reported an additional member, viz.: Mr. James H. Fitzgerald, a ruling elder from the Presbytery of Winchester.

Nominations were made for members to fill the vacancies in the Board of Missions for the next four years; and the election was made the order of the day for to-morrow morning at the opening of the session.

Resolved, That the seventeenth rule be so altered as to read as follows, viz.: "The previous question shall be in this form, 'Shall the main question be now put?' and when demanded by a majority of the members present shall be put without debate, and until it is decided shall preclude all amendment and further debate on the main question."

The committee on Overture No. 1 made a final report on the memorial of the convention. The report was accepted, and put on the docket.

A motion was made to take up the unfinished business of yesterday, viz.: the motion to postpone indefinitely the motion to amend the report of the committee on the memorial, and the Moderator ruled that this motion must be taken without debate.

An appeal was taken from this decision; the House sustained the decision of the Moderator.

The motion was then put and lost, so the House refused to take up the unfinished business.

A motion was made that the Assembly now take up so much of the report of the committee on the memorial as relates to the toleration of disorders in practice and errors in doctrine by inferior judicatories.

Adjourned till this afternoon at half-past 3 o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

Thursday afternoon, half-past 3 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The Committee on Mileage reported that there has been contributed and paid into the Commissioners' fund the sum of twelve hundred and thirty-two dollars and seventy-eight cents; that the number of miles traveled by Commissioners is forty-two thousand eight hundred and eighty-five; and that, at two cents and eighty-seven hundredths per mile, the sum payable the Commissioners will be twelve hundred and thirty dollars and eighty cents, for which sum they recommend that the Trustees of the General Assembly be directed to draw an order on their Treasurer. The report was adopted.

The House resumed the unfinished business of this morning, viz.: the motion to take up that part of the report of the committee on the memorial which relates to the toleration of disorders in practice and errors in doctrine by inferior judicatories. The motion was carried. And resolutions to cite to the bar of the next Assembly such inferior judicatories as shall appear to be charged by common fame with irregularities were offered and debated for a considerable time.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

Friday morning, May 26th, 9 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

A petition on the subject of Slavery was presented, and referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

The Assembly proceeded to the order of the day, viz.: the election of members to fill the vacancies in the Board of Missions; Messrs. Murray, Cleaveland, and Anderson were appointed to receive and count the votes and report the result to the Assembly.

The Assembly resumed the unfinished business of yesterday, viz.: the resolutions to cite to the bar of the next Assembly such inferior judicatories as shall appear to be charged by common fame with the toleration of gross errors in doctrine and disorders in practice; and after debate

The Assembly adjourned till this afternoon at half-past 3 o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

Friday afternoon, half-past 3 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The committee to receive and count the votes for members to fill the vacancies in the Board of Missions reported, when it appeared that the following persons were duly elected for the next four years, viz.:

MINISTERS.	LAYMEN.
John M'Dowell, D. D.	Alexander W. Mitchell,
William L. Breckinridge,	Joseph P. Engles,

MINISTERS.	LAYMEN.
William A. M'Dowell, D. D.	William Brown,
John Breckinridge, D. D.	William Maxwell,
James L. Dinwiddie,	Matthew L. Bevan,
Samuel G. Winchester,	Archibald M'Intyre.
Shepard K. Kollock,	
Joshua L. Wilson, D. D.	
George Potts,	
Alexander Macklin.	

The Assembly resumed the unfinished business of this morning, viz.: the resolutions to cite to the bar of the next Assembly such inferior judicatories as may be charged by common fame with the toleration of gross errors in doctrine and disorders in practice; and, after debate, the previous question was demanded, and decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, as follows, viz.:

"Shall the main question be now put?"

YEAS—C. Cutler, Southworth, Burnap, Wood, Griswold, Platt, Savage, Lockhead, Leggett, R. I. Crawford, Frame, Owen, Edwards, Sturges, Goldsmith, Potts, S. Boyd, Lenox, Burnett, Murray, Blauvelt, M'Dowell, Ogilvie, A. Alexander, Wm. Wilson, Woodhull, Junkin, Lowe, King, John Wilson, Dorrance, Harris, Green, Latta, Fahnestock, Symington, Cuyler, Darrach, Davie, Hamilton, Penny, Breckinridge, Hickson, M. B. Patterson, Creigh, M'Keehan, Fullerton, Williamson, Long, J. H. Grier, J. B. Boyd, Hughes, Cook, Annan, Ewing, Slagle, Baird, Kiddoo, Gladden, J. W. Johnston, Lowrie, Mitchell, Hannah, Stratton, Adair, Tait, M'Crackin, Woodbury, E. Cutler, Van Deman, Wm. Patterson, Saml. Wilson, R. Miller, Beer, M'Combs, Torrance, Turner, Keys, Crane, Osborn, Golladay, James Coe, Marquis, Bradley, Hugh Patton, M. S. Smith, Blythe, Marshall, M'Kennan, Isaac Coe, Carnahan, Stafford, J. H. Rice, W. K. Stewart, Bailey, Hays, Hopkins, C. S. Todd, Cleland, C. Stuart, Irwin, A. Todd, Hendren, Moore, Morrison, John Alexander, W. H. Foote, Baxter, Hart, Plumer, Dunn, Graham, Caruthers, M'Queen, Potter, Pharr, Andrews, Watts, D. Brown, Conkey, Galbraith, John Patton, Sloss, Leatch, Hodge, James Greer, Ross, Simpson, J. Witherspoon, Coit, Leland, E. White, Pratt, Howard, Goulding, Morgan, D. Johnson, Van Court, Banks, J. Smylie, N. Smylie—141.

NAYS—Holt, Beman, Wickware, Hayden, Rand, M'Goffin, Porter, Sayre, Cone, Whittlesey, M. Smith, Hunt, Stow, Pettibone, Doubleday, Loss, T. Williams, Hay, Roy, Lounsbury, Bronson, Gridley, M'Cullough, Hollister, Thatcher, Walbridge, West, J. Foot, Delavan, Shipherd, Gregory, Spalding, Benjamin, Stevens, Brewster, Shaw, Harmon, Tracy, Richardson, Bush, Mack, Hovey, Stillman, Preston, May, J. R. Johnston, Ostrom, R. Campbell, Aikman, Peters, M'Auley, N. E. Johnson, Gibson, Schenck, Seymour, Woodruff, Yeomans, A. Miller, Jessup, Grant, Duffield, A. White, Hall, Gilbert, Faris, A. Campbell, Martin, Saunders, Fuller, Seward, D. Williams, Nutting, Barber, James Boyd, I. J. Rice, H. Brown, Breck, Noyes, H. Kingsbury, Cleaveland, R. Stuart, Warriner, Wead, Reed, Roberts, Dickinson, Bushnell, Tichenor, Phillips, J. Crawford, Ayres, Whitney, Clark, E. Kingsbury, Gould, Graves, Wisner, T. P. Smith, Fitzgerald, Mines, Gideon, John Miller, Anderson, Painter, T. Brown, M'Corkle, M'Sween, Cunningham, T. S. Witherspoon—108.

The resolutions were then adopted, by yeas and nays, as follows, viz.:

1. *Resolved*, That the proper steps be now taken to cite to the bar of the next Assembly such inferior judicatories as are charged by common fame with irregularities.

2. That a special committee be now appointed to ascertain what inferior judicatories are thus charged by common fame, to prepare charges and specifications against them, and to digest a suitable plan of procedure in the matter; and that said committee be requested to report as soon as practicable.

3. That as citation on the foregoing plan is the commencement of a process involving the right of membership in the Assembly; therefore, *Resolved*, That agreeably to a principle laid down, chap. v. sect. 9th, of the "Form of Government," the members of said judicatories be excluded from a seat in the next Assembly until their case shall be decided.

YEAS—Platt, Leggett, J. R. Johnston, R. I. Crawford, Wilkin, Frame, Owen, Edwards, Sturges, Goldsmith, Potts, S. Boyd, Lenox, Murray, M'Dowell, Ogilvie, A. Alexander, Yeomans, Wm. Wilson, Woodhull, Junkin, Lowe, King, John Wilson, Dorrance, Harris, Green, Latta, Fahnestock, Symington, Cuyler, Darrach, Davie, Hamilton, Penny, Breckinridge, Hickson, M. B. Patterson, Creigh, M'Keehan, Fullerton, Williamson, Long, J. H. Grier, J. B. Boyd, Hughes, Cook, Annan, Ewing, Slagle, Baird, Kiddoo, Gladden, J. W. Johnston, Lowrie, Mitchell, Hannah, Stratton, Adair, Tait, M'Crackin, Van Deman, Wm. Patterson, Samuel Wilson, R. Miller, Beer, M'Combs, Torrance, Turner, Crane, Osborn, Golladay, James Coe, Marquis, Hugh Patton, M. S. Smith, Blythe, Marshall, M'Kennan, Stafford, J. H. Rice, W. K. Stewart, Bailey, Hopkins, C. S. Todd, C. Stuart, Irwin, A. Todd, Hendren, Morrison, Moore, John Alexander, W. H. Foote, Baxter, Hart, Anderson, Plumer, Dunn, Graham, Caruthers, M'Queen, Potter, Pharr, Andrews, Watts, D. Brown, Conkey, Galbraith, John Patton, Sloss, Leatch, Hodge, J. Greer, Ross, Simpson, J. Witherspoon, Coit, Leland, Pratt, Howard, Goulding, T. S. Witherspoon, Morgan, D. Johnson, Van Court, Banks, J. Smylie, N. Smylie—128.

NAYS—C. Cutler, Southworth, Holt, Burnap, Beman, Hayden, Wickware, Rand, Wood, Griswold, M'Goffin, Porter, Cone, Sayre, Whittlesey, Savage, M. Smith, Hunt, Stow, Pettibone, Loss, Doubleday, T. Williams, Lockhead, Hay, Lounsbury, Roy, Bronson, Gridley, M'Cullough, Thatcher, Hollister, Walbridge, Rowland, West, J. I. Foot, Delavan, Shipherd, Gregory, Spalding, Benjamin, Stevens, Shaw, Brewster, Harmon, Tracy, Richardson, Bush, Mack, Hovey, Stillman, Preston, May, Ostrom, R. Campbell, M'Auley, Aikman, Peters, N. E. Johnson, Gibson, Schenck, Burnet, Seymour, Woodruff, A. Miller, Jessup, Grant, Duffield, A. White, Hall, Gilbert, Faris, A. Campbell, Martin, Saunders, Fuller, Seward, D. Williams, Nutting, Barber, James Boyd, Woodbury, I. J. Rice, H. Brown, Breck, H. Kingsbury, Noyes, Cleaveland, R. Stuart, Warriner, Wead, Reed, Roberts, E. Cutler, Dolbear, Dickinson, Bushnel, Tichenor, Phillips, Bradley, J. Crawford, Carnahan, Ayres, Whitney, Clark, E. Kingsbury, Gould, Graves, Chamberlain, Wisner, Hays, Cleland, T. P. Smith, Mines, Gideon, John Miller, Painter, T. Brown, M'Corkle, M'Sween, Cunningham, E. White—122.

NON LIQUET—Mr. Keys.

Resolved, That the committee to be appointed under the foregoing resolutions consist of five members.

Mr. Hay, for himself and others, gave notice of a Protest against the foregoing resolutions.

Mr. Cleaveland, for himself and others, gave notice of a Protest against the resolutions adopted on Thursday last, abrogating the "Plan of Union."

Mr. Breckinridge gave notice that he would to-morrow morning offer a resolution to appoint a committee, to consist of equal numbers from the majority and minority on the vote to cite inferior judicatories, to inquire into the expediency of a voluntary division of the Presbyterian Church.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.
Concluded with prayer.

Saturday morning, May 27th, 9 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The Committee of Commissions reported the following additional members, viz.: Rev. Jacob Van Vechten, D. D., delegate from the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church, and the Rev. James H. Thornwell, from the Presbytery of Bethel. The committee also reported that Mr. James M'Dowell, a ruling elder from the Presbytery of Hopewell, had presented a commission which wants the signature of the clerk of Presbytery. This informal commission was referred to the Committee on Elections.

The Moderator announced to the House an invitation from the Inspectors of the Eastern Penitentiary for the Assembly to visit that institution this afternoon or at such other time as may be most convenient.

The Committee on Elections reported in favor of receiving the member whose case was referred to them; and it was ordered that the name of Mr. James M'Dowell, ruling elder from the Presbytery of Hopewell, be inserted in the roll of Commissioners.

Dr. Cuyler, Mr. Breckinridge, Dr. Baxter. Mr. M'Kennan, and Mr. Baird, were appointed a committee on the resolutions adopted yesterday respecting the citation of inferior judicatories charged with irregularities.

The Committee on Leave of Absence reported that they had given leave to Rev. Lewis H. Loss.

It was made the order for Thursday morning next to receive reports of committees on Synodical records.

Agreeably to notice given last evening, Mr. Breckinridge moved that a committee of ten members, of whom an equal number shall be from the majority and minority of the vote on the resolutions to cite inferior judicatories, be appointed on the state of the Church.

Dr. Junkin and Mr. Ewing, on the part of the majority, and Messrs. A. Campbell and Jessup, on the part of the minority, were appointed to nominate each five members of the committee on the foregoing resolutions.

The committee on Overtures Nos. 2, 3, and 4 made a report, and their report was accepted, and ordered to be put on the docket, and the committee was discharged.

The Stated Clerk made a report in relation to the contingent fund; the report was accepted, and ordered to be put on the docket.

Dr. Junkin and Mr. Campbell from the committees to nominate the Committee of Ten on the State of the Church, respectively reported the following nominations, viz.: Mr. Breckinridge, Dr. Alexander, Dr. Cuyler, Dr. Witherspoon, and Mr. Ewing on the part of the majority; and Dr. M'Auley, Dr. Beman, Dr. Peters, Mr. Dickinson, and Mr. Jessup on the part of the minority. The report was adopted, and the committee was directed to meet in this house at the rising of the Assembly this morning, and afterward on their own adjournments.

On motion, the Assembly engaged in prayer on behalf of this committee and of the subject referred to them.

The Committee of Bills and Overtures reported Overture No. 12, viz.: The papers of Rev. Hugh Gibson, a foreign minister, and the request of the Presbytery of New York for leave to receive him. This overture was referred to Messrs. James Coe, W. H. Foote, and West.

Overture No. 5 was taken up, and referred to Messrs. Murray, C. Cutler, and Coit.

Overture No. 7 was taken up, read, and referred to Dr. Green, Messrs. Baird, Plumer, Lowrie, and A. Todd.

Overture No. 8 was taken up, read, and referred to Mr. Cleaveland, Dr. Goulding, and Mr. King.

Overture No. 9 was taken up, read, and referred to Messrs. Latta, Carnahan, and Owen.

Overture No. 10 was taken up, and referred to Dr. Graham, Mr. Hay, and Mr. A. Platt.

Overture No. 11 was taken up, read, and erased from the docket.

Resolved, That so much of the unfinished business of the memorial as relates to reform be taken up.

The document was read, and resolutions with respect to the method of reform were presented and read.

A division of the resolutions was called for, and it was moved that the first resolution be adopted; and after debate

The Assembly adjourned till Monday morning at 9 o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

Monday morning, May 29th, 9 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The Committee of Commissions reported an additional member, viz.: Hon. Peter D. Vroom, a delegate from the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church.

Resolved, That the consideration of the report of the committee on the memorial be postponed for the present; and that the Committee on the State of the Church have leave to sit during the sessions of the Assembly.

The Judicial Committee reported judicial business No. 1, viz.: Appeal of the Session of Wheatland church against the Synod of Genesee.

No. 5, viz.: Appeal of Rev. A. G. Morss and others of the congregation of Frankford against the Second Presbytery of Philadelphia.

No. 7, viz.: Complant of James Patterson and others against the Synod of Philadelphia.

The Committee on the report of the Directors of the Western Theological Seminary, and on the unfinished business of the last Assembly in relation to the transfer of that seminary to the Synod of Pittsburgh, made a report, which was read and put on the docket.

The committee to provide means to meet the deficiency of the proceeds of the permanent funds to pay the salaries of the professors in the Theological Seminary at Princeton made the following report, which was accepted, viz.: That through the year they have received for this object the following sums, viz.:

From the Rev. James V. Henry, Sing-Sing, New York	$10 00
Congregation of Mount Pleasant, New York	4 18
Rev. David Preston, Monroe county, Pennsylvania	5 00
Rev. William H. Williams, Tuscaloosa, Alabama	30 00
Rev. Joseph H. Adams, Hebron, Alabama	20 00
Rev. Samuel G. Winchester, Philadelphia	30 00
Rev. John T. Edgar, D. D., Nashville, Tennessee	10 00
Rev. James S. Woods, Lewistown, Pennsylvania, collected in congregation of Waynesburg, Pennsylvania	21 00
Rev. Gideon N. Judd, Bloomfield, New Jersey	10 00
Rev. James C. Barnes, Dayton, Ohio	10 00
Rev. James W. Douglass, Fayetteville, North Carolina	10 00
	$160 18

The committee appointed by the last Assembly to compile a Digest made a report, which was accepted, and referred to Dr. Green, Mr. Gilbert, and Mr. S. Boyd.

Various papers on the subject of Slavery were presented, and referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

The committee on Overture No. 9, viz.: the reference from the Presbytery of Fayetteville in relation to vacant churches, made a report, which was accepted, and laid on the table for the present.

The committee on Overture No. 5, viz.: an overture from the Synod of Alabama as to the constitutional right of examination by Presbyteries, made a report, which was accepted, and adopted, and is as follows, viz.:

That the constitutional right of every Presbytery to examine all seeking connection with them was settled by the Assembly of 1835 (see *Minutes* of 1835, page 27), and that until said decision is reversed the subject requires no further legislation.

The Committee on Mileage made a further report, stating that the names of two of the Commissioners to the Assembly, Messrs. John Leonard and John M'Sween, were given in to the committee (as stated by those delegates), but appear to have been mislaid, as they have not been found among the papers used in making up the account; the committee therefore request the General Assembly to direct their Trustees to draw an order on their Treasurer for fifty-three dollars and ten cents, the amount of mileage due to Messrs. Leonard and M'Sween.

The report was accepted, and adopted.

The Moderator communicated an invitation from Mr. Julius R. Friedlander, principal of the Pennsylvania Institution for the Instruction of the Blind, for the Assembly to visit that institution at such time as may be convenient to the members.

Resolved, That the Assembly will accept the invitation for Saturday afternoon next, at 4 o'clock.

The Assembly resolved to take up, of the unfinished business of the last Assembly, the appeal of Dr. A. Smith from the Synod of Cincinnati.

After some conversation in relation to this case it was laid on the table for the present.

Adjourned till this afternoon at half-past 3 o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

Monday afternoon, half-past 3 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The Assembly took up the complaint of the Presbytery of Missouri against the Presbytery of St. Charles, laid over by the last Assembly, and the records of the Presbytery of St. Charles not being present,

Resolved, That the complaint be dismissed.

The nomination of persons to fill the vacancies in the Boards of Directors of the Theological Seminary at Princeton and of the Western Theological Seminary was made the order of the day for Tuesday morning.

The report of the committee on the right of Presbyteries to examine ministers applying for admission, which was adopted this morning, was reconsidered, amended, and adopted as follows, viz.:

That the constitutional right of every Presbytery to examine all seeking connection with them was settled by the Assembly of 1835 (see *Minutes* of 1835, p. 27). And this Assembly now render it imperative on Presbyteries to examine all who make application for admission into their bodies, at least on experimental religion, didactic and polemic theology, and church government.

The Assembly took up the appeal of the Rev. Dr. Wylie against the Synod of Indiana, laid over by the last Assembly.

The Moderator read the rule reminding the members of their high character as a court of Jesus Christ, and the solemn duty in which they are about to act.

The appeal of Dr. Wylie and the sentence of the Synod appealed from were read, and the records of the inferior judicatories were also read, in part.

Adjourned till 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Concluded with prayer.

Tuesday morning, May 30th, 9 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The Committee of Commissions reported an additional member, viz.: the Rev. John H. Smaltz, from the General Synod of the German Reformed Church.

The Assembly took up the appeal and complaint of the church of St. Charles against the Synod of Missouri, laid over by the last Assembly. The church appeared, and was ready for trial; but the records of the Synod not being present, the appeal was postponed, and it was ordered that the Synod of Missouri send up their records to the next General Assembly.

The committee to whom was referred the suggestion made by the Committee on the Digest for printing the Minutes of the supreme judicatory of the Presbyterian Church, from its origin in the United States, made a report, which was accepted, amended, and adopted, as follows, viz.:

That after maturely considering the subject submitted to them they are of opinion that the subject be referred to a committee of two, under the instruction that the printing of the Minutes is desirable, provided it can be done without involving the funds of the Assembly in any expense, either for the necessary transcription of records, the printing, or making an index of the same. It is believed that the committee should have a discretionary power as to the selections to be made from some other papers than the records of the Church, but that the whole records should be printed.

Dr. Green and Dr. John M'Dowell, the Stated Clerk, were appointed this committee.

The Assembly proceeded to the order of the day, which was to make nominations for Directors of the Theological Seminary at Princeton and of the Western Theological Seminary; nominations were made, and the elections were made the order of the day for to-morrow morning at the opening of the session.

The Committee on the State of the Church reported by their chairman, Dr. Alexander, that they had not been able to agree, and asked to be discharged.

Both portions of the committee then made separate reports, accompanied by various papers, which reports and papers were ordered to be entered on the minutes of the Assembly, and are as follows, viz.:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE MAJORITY.

The committee of the majority from the united Committee on the State of the Church beg leave to report—

That, having been unable to agree with the minority's committee on any plan for the immediate and voluntary separation of the New and Old School parties in the Presbyterian Church, they lay before the General Assembly

the papers which passed between the committees, and which contain all the important proceedings of both bodies.

These papers are marked 1 to 5 of the majority, and 1 to 4 of the minority. A careful examination of them will show that the two committees were agreed in the following matters, namely:

1. The propriety of a voluntary separation of the parties in our Church, and their separate organization.

2. As to the corporate funds, the names to be held by each denomination, the records of the Church, and its Boards and institutions.

It will further appear that the committees were entirely unable to agree on the following points, namely:

1. As to the propriety of entering at once, by the Assembly, upon the division, or the sending down of the question to the Presbyteries.

2. As to the power of the Assembly to take effectual initiative steps, as proposed by the majority, or the necessity of obtaining a change in the constitution of the Church.

3. As to the breaking up of the succession of this General Assembly, so that neither of the new Assemblies proposed, to be considered *this* proper body continued; or that the body which should retain the name and institutions of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America should be held, in fact and law, to be the true successor of *this* body. While the committee of the majority were perfectly disposed to do all that the utmost liberality could demand, and to use in all cases such expressions as should be wholly unexceptionable, yet it appeared to us indispensable to take our final stand on these grounds.

For, *first*, we are convinced that if anything tending toward a voluntary separation is done, it is absolutely necessary to do it effectually and at once.

Secondly. As neither party professes any desire to alter any constitutional rule whatever, it seems to us not only needless, but absurd, to send down an overture to the Presbyteries on this subject. We believe, moreover, that full power exists in the Assembly, either by consent of parties or in the way of discipline, to settle this and all such cases, and that its speedy settlement is greatly to be desired.

Thirdly. In regard to the succession of the General Assembly, this committee could not, in present circumstances, consent to anything that should even imply the final dissolution of the Presbyterian Church as now organized in this country; which idea, it will be observed, is at the basis of the plan of the minority, insomuch that even the body retaining the name and institutions should not be considered the successor of *this* body.

Finally. It will be observed from our fifth paper, as compared with the fourth paper of the minority's committee, that the final shape which their proposal assumed was such that it was impossible for the majority of the House to carry out its views and wishes, let the vote be as it might. For if the House should vote for the plan of the committee of the majority, the other committee would not consider itself or its friends bound thereby, and *voluntary* division would therefore be impossible in that case. But if the House should vote for the minority's plan, then—the foregoing insuperable objections to that plan being supposed to be surmounted—still the whole case would be put off, perhaps indefinitely.

A. Alexander, C. C. Cuyler, J. Witherspoon, N. Ewing, R. J. Breckinridge.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE MINORITY.

The subscribers, appointed members of the Committee of Ten on the State of the Church, respectfully ask leave to report, as follows:

It being understood that one object of the appointment of said committee was to consider the expediency of a voluntary division of the Presbyterian Church, and to devise a plan for the same, they, in connection with the other members of the committee, have had the subject under deliberation.

The subscribers had believed that no such imperious necessity for a division of the Church existed as some of their brethren supposed, and that the consequences of division would be greatly to be deprecated. Such necessity, however, being urged by many of our brethren, we have been induced to yield to their wishes, and to admit the expediency of a division, provided the same could be accomplished in an amicable, equitable, and proper manner. We have accordingly submitted the following propositions to our brethren on the other part of the same committee, who at the same time submitted to us their proposition, which is annexed to this report:

[Here read the proposition marked Minority No. 1 and Majority No. 1.]

Being informed by the other members of the committee that they had concluded not to discuss in committee the propositions which should be submitted, and that all propositions on both sides were to be in writing and to be answered in writing, the following papers passed between the two parts of the committee: [Here read,

No. 2, Minority paper.
2, Majority "
3, Majority "
3, Minority "
4, Majority "
4, Minority "
5, Majority "]

From these papers it will be seen that the only question of any importance upon which the committee differed was that proposed to be submitted to the decision of the Assembly as preliminary to any action upon the details of either plan. Therefore, believing that the members of this Assembly have neither a constitutional nor a moral right to adopt a plan for a division of the Church, in relation to which they are entirely uninstructed by the Presbyteries; believing that the course proposed by their brethren of the committee to be entirely inefficacious, and calculated to introduce confusion and discord into the whole Church, and, instead of mitigating, to enhance the evils which it proposes to remove; and regarding the plan proposed by themselves, with the modifications thereof as before stated, as presenting in general the only safe, certain, and constitutional mode of division,—the subscribers do respectfully present the same to the Assembly for their adoption or rejection.

Thomas M'Auley, N. S. S. Beman, Absalom Peters, B. Dickinson, William Jessup.

No. 1, of the Majority.

The portion of the committee which represents the majority submit for consideration—

1. That the peace and prosperity of the Presbyterian Church in the United States require a separation of the portions called respectively the Old and New School parties, and represented by the majority and minority in the present Assembly.

2. That the portion of the Church represented by the majority in the present General Assembly ought to retain the name and the corporate property of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America.

3. That the two parties ought to form separate denominations, under separate organizations; that to effect this with the least delay the Commission-

ers in the present General Assembly shall elect which body they will adhere to; and this election shall decide the position of their Presbyteries respectively for the present; that every Presbytery may reverse the decision of its present Commissioners, and unite with the opposite body by the permission of that body properly expressed; that minorities of Presbyteries, if large enough, or if not, then in connection with neighboring minorities, may form new Presbyteries or attach themselves to existing Presbyteries in union with either body, as shall be agreed on; that Synods ought to take order and make election on the general principles already stated; and minorities of Synods should follow out the rule suggested for minorities of Presbyteries, as far as they are applicable.

No. 1, of the Minority.

Whereas, The experience of many years has proved that this body is too large to answer the purposes contemplated by the constitution, and there appear to be insuperable obstacles in the way of reducing the representation;

And whereas, In the extension of the Church over so great a territory, embracing such a variety of people, differences of view in relation to important points of church policy and action, as well as theological opinion, are found to exist;

Now, it is believed, a division of this body into two separate bodies, which shall act independently of each other, will be of vital importance to the best interests of the Redeemer's kingdom;

Therefore, *Resolved*, That the following rules be sent down to the Presbyteries for their adoption or rejection as constitutional rules, to wit:

1. The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America shall be, and it hereby is, divided into two bodies, the one thereof to be called the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, and the other, the General Assembly of the American Presbyterian Church.

2. That the Confession of Faith and Form of Government of the Presbyterian Church of the United States of America, as it now exists, shall continue to be the Confession of Faith and Form of Government of both bodies, until it shall be constitutionally changed and altered by either in the manner prescribed therein.

3. That in sending up their Commissioners to the next General Assembly each Presbytery, after having, in making out their commissions, followed the form now prescribed, shall add thereto as follows: "That in case a majority of the Presbyteries shall have voted to adopt the plan for organizing two General Assemblies, we direct our said Commissioners to attend the meeting of the General Assembly of the 'Presbyterian Church of the United States of America,' or the 'American Presbyterian Church,' as the case may be." And after the opening of the next General Assembly, and before proceeding to other business than the usual preliminary organization, the said Assembly shall ascertain what is the vote of the Presbyteries; and in case a majority of said Presbyteries shall have adopted these rules, then the two General Assemblies shall be constituted and organized in the manner now pointed out in the Form of Government, by the election of their respective Moderators, Stated Clerks, and other officers.

4. The several Presbyteries shall be deemed and taken to belong to that Assembly with which they shall direct their Commissioners to meet, as stated in the preceding rule. And each General Assembly shall, at their first meeting, as aforesaid, organize the Presbyteries belonging to each into Synods. And in case any Presbytery shall fail to decide as aforesaid at that time, they

may attach themselves within one year thereafter to the Assembly they shall prefer.

5. Churches and members of churches, as well as Presbyteries, shall be at full liberty to decide to which of said Assemblies they will be attached, and in case the majority of male members in any church shall decide to belong to a Presbytery connected with the Assembly to which their Presbytery is not attached, they shall certify the same to the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery which they wish to leave and the one with which they wish to unite, and they shall, *ipso facto*, be attached to such Presbytery.

6. It shall be the duty of Presbyteries, at their first meeting after the adoption of these rules or within one year thereafter, to grant certificates of dismission to such ministers, licentiates, and students as may wish to unite with a Presbytery attached to the other General Assembly.

7. It shall be the duty of church Sessions to grant letters of dismission to such of their members, being in regular standing, as may apply for the same within one year after the organization of said Assemblies under these rules, for the purpose of uniting with any church attached to a Presbytery under the care of the other General Assembly; and if such Session refuse so to dismiss, it shall be lawful for such members to unite with such other church in the same manner as if a certificate were given.

8. The Boards of Education and Missions shall continue their organizations as heretofore until the next meeting of the Assembly; and in case the rules for the division of the Assembly be adopted, those Boards shall be, and hereby are, transferred to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America if that Assembly at its first meeting shall adopt the Boards as their organizations; and the seats of any ministers or elders in those Boards, not belonging to that General Assembly, shall be deemed to be vacant.

9. The records of the Assembly shall remain in the hands of the present Stated Clerk, for the mutual use and benefit of both General Assemblies, until, by such an arrangement as they may adopt, they shall appoint some other person to take charge of the same. And either Assembly, at their own expense, may cause such extracts and copies to be made thereof as they may desire and direct.

10. The Princeton Seminary funds to be transferred to the Board of Trustees of the seminary, if it can be so done legally and without forfeiting the trusts upon which the grants were made; and if it cannot be done legally and according to the intention of the donors, then to remain with the present Board of Trustees until legislative authority be given for such transfer. The supervision of said seminary, in the same manner in which it is now exercised by the General Assembly, to be transferred to and vested in the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, to be constituted. The other funds of the Church to be divided equally between the two Assemblies.

Pass a resolution suspending the operation of the controverted votes until after the next Assembly.

No. 2, of the Minority.

The committee of the minority, etc. make the following objections to the proposition of the majority:

1. To any recognition of the terms "Old and New Schools," or "majority and minority," of the present Assembly, in any action upon the subject of division, the minority expect the division in every respect to be equal; no other would be satisfactory.

2. Insisting upon an equal division, we are willing that that portion of the

Church which shall choose to retain the present Boards shall have the present name of the Assembly. The corporate property which is susceptible of division to be divided, as the only fair and just course.

3. We object to the power of the Commissioners to make any division at this time, and as individuals we cannot assume the responsibility.

No. 2, of the Majority.

The committee of the majority, having considered the paper submitted by that of the minority, observe—

1. That they suppose the propriety and necessity of a division of the Church may be considered as agreed on by both committees; but we think it not expedient to attempt giving reasons in a preamble; the preamble is therefore not agreed to.

2. So much of No. 1 of the plan of the committee of the minority as relates to the proposed names of the new General Assemblies is agreed to.

3. Nos. 1 to 8, inclusive, except as above, are not agreed to, but our proposition, No. 3 in our first paper, is insisted on. But we agree to the proposal in regard to single churches, individual ministers, licentiates, students, and private members.

4. In lieu of No. 9 we propose that the present Stated Clerk be directed to make out a complete copy of all our records, at the joint expense of both the new bodies, and after causing the copy to be examined and certified, deliver it to the written order of the Moderator and Stated Clerk of the General Assembly of the American Presbyterian Church.

5. We agree, in substance, to the proposal in No. 10, and offer the following as the form in which the proposition shall stand: that the corporate funds and property of the Church, so far as they appertain to the Theological Seminary at Princeton or relate to the professors' support or the education of beneficiaries there, shall remain the property of the body retaining the name of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America; that all other funds shall be equally divided between the new bodies, so far as it can be done in conformity with the intentions of the donors; and that all liabilities of the present Assembly shall be discharged in equal portions by them; that all questions relating to the future adjustment of this whole subject upon the principles now agreed on shall be settled by committees appointed by the new Assemblies at their first meeting respectively; and if these committees cannot agree, then each committee shall select one arbitrator, and these two a third, which arbitrators shall have full power to settle finally the whole case in all its parts; and that no person shall be appointed an arbitrator who is a member of either Church; it being distinctly understood that whatever difficulties may arise in the construction of trusts and all other questions of power, as well as right, legal and equitable, shall be finally decided by the committees or arbitrators, so as in all cases to prevent an appeal by either party to the legal tribunals of the country.

No. 3, of the Minority.

1. We accede to the proposition to have no preamble.

2. We accede to the proposition No. 4, modifying our proposition No. 9, in relation to the records and copies of the records. The copy to be made within one year after the division.

3. We assent to the modification of No. 10 by No. 5 of the propositions submitted, with a trifling alteration in the phraseology, striking out the words, "shall remain the property of the body retaining the name of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America," and

inserting the words, "shall be transferred and belong to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of the United States of America hereby constituted."

4. We cannot assent to any division by the present Commissioners of the Assembly, as it would in no wise be obligatory on any of the judicatories of the Church or any members of the churches. The only effect would be a disorderly dissolution of the present Assembly, and be of no binding force or effect upon any member who did not assent to it.

5. We propose a resolution to be appended to the Rules, and which we believe, if adopted by the committee, would pass with great unanimity, urging in strong terms the adoption of the Rules by the Presbyteries; and the members of the minority side of the committee pledge themselves to use their influence to procure the adoption of the same by the Presbyteries.

No. 3, of the Majority.

The committee of the majority, etc., in relation to paper No. 2, observe—

1. That the terms "Old and New School, majority and minority," are meant as descriptive, and, some description being necessary, we see neither impropriety nor unsuitableness in them.

2. Our previous paper, No. 2, having, as we suppose, substantially acceded to the proposal of the minority in relation to the funds in their first paper, we deem any further statement on that subject unnecessary.

3. That we see no difficulty in the way of settling the matter at present, subject to the revision of the Presbyteries, as provided in our first paper under the third head; and as no "constitutional rules" are proposed in the way of altering any principles of our system, we see no constitutional obstacle to the execution of the proposal already made. We therefore adhere to that plan as our final proposal. But if the Commissioners of any Presbytery should refuse to elect or be equally divided, then the Presbytery which they represent shall make such election at its first meeting after the adjournment of the present General Assembly.

No. 4, of the Majority.

The committee of the majority, etc., in reply to paper No. 3 of the minority's committee, simply refer to their own preceding papers as containing their final propositions.

No. 4, of the Minority.

The committee of the minority, in reply to paper No. 3 of the majority, observe—

That they will unite in a report to the Assembly, stating that the committee have agreed that it is expedient that a division of the Church be effected, and in general upon the principles upon which it is to be carried out, but they differ as to the manner of effecting it.

On the one hand, it is asked that a division be made by the present Assembly at their present meeting; and on the other hand, that the plan of division, with the subsequent arrangement and organization, shall be submitted to the Presbyteries for their adoption or rejection.

They will unite in asking the General Assembly to decide the above points previous to reporting the details, and in case the Assembly decide in favor of immediate division, then the paper No. 1 of the majority, with the modifications agreed on, be taken as the basis of the report in detail.

If the Assembly decide to send to the Presbyteries, then No. 1 of the minority's papers, with the modifications agreed on, shall be the basis of the report in detail.

The committee of the minority cannot agree to any other propositions than those already submitted until the above be settled by the Assembly.

If the above proposition be not agreed to or be modified and then agreed to, they desire that each *side* may make a report to the Assembly to-morrow morning.

No. 5, of the Majority.

The committee of the majority, etc., in answer to No. 4, etc., reply that understanding from the verbal explanations of the committee of the minority that the said committee would not consider either side bound by the vote of the Assembly if it were against their views and wishes respectively on the point proposed to be submitted to its decision in said paper, to carry out in good faith a scheme which in that case could not be approved by them; and under such circumstances, a *voluntary* separation being manifestly impossible, this committee consider No. 4 of the minority as virtually a waiver of the whole subject. If nothing further remains to be proposed, they submit that the papers be laid before the Assembly, and that the united committee be dissolved.

The Committee on the State of the Church was discharged.

It was moved that the further consideration of the reports be indefinitely postponed; and, after debate,

It was moved that this whole subject be laid on the table for the present. The motion was adopted, by yeas and nays, as follows, viz.:

Yeas—Messrs. M'Goffin, Platt, Savage, Lockhead, Leggett, R. I. Crawford, J. R. Johnston, Wilkin, Frame, Owen, Edwards, Goldsmith, S. Boyd, Potts, Lenox, Murray, B. M'Dowell, Blauvelt, Ogilvie, A. Alexander, William Wilson, Yeomans, Woodhull, Junkin, King, Lowe, John Wilson, Dorrance, Harris, Green, Fahnestock, Latta, Symington, Cuyler, Darrach, Davie, Penny, Hamilton, Breckinridge, Hickson, M. B. Patterson, M'Keehan, Creigh, Fullerton, Williamson, Long, J. H. Grier, J. B. Boyd, Hughes, Cook, Annan, Ewing, Hervey, Slagle, Baird, Kiddoo, Gladden, J. W. Johnston, Lowrie, Mitchel, Hannah, Adair, Tait, M'Crackin, Van Deman, W. Patterson, S. Wilson, R. Miller, Beer, M'Combs, Torrance, Turner, Steel, Keys, Crane, Osborn, Golladay, James Coe, Marquis, Hugh Patton, M. S. Smith, Blythe, Marshall, M'Kennan, I. Coe, Stafford, J. H. Rice, W. K. Stewart, Bailey, Hopkins, C. S. Todd, C. Stuart, Irvin, A. Todd, T. P. Smith, Hendren, Moore, Morrison, J. Alexander, W. H. Foote, Fitzgerald, Baxter, Hart, Anderson, Plumer, Dunn, Graham, Caruthers, M'Queen, Potter, Pharr, Andrews, Watts, D. Brown, Conkey, Galbraith, J. Patton, Sloss, Leatch, Hodge, James Greer, Ross, Simpson, Thornwell, J. Witherspoon, Coit, Leland, Pratt, J. M'Dowell, Goulding, T. S. Witherspoon, Morgan, D. Johnson, Van Court, Brotherton, Banks, J. Smylie, N. Smylie—138.

Nays—Messrs. C. Cutler, Southworth, Holt, Burnap, Beman, Wickware, Hayden, Griswold, Porter, Sayre, Cone, Whittlesey, M. Smith, Hunt, Stow, Pettibone, Doubleday, T. Williams, Hay, Roy, Lounsbury, Bronson, Gridley, M'Cullough, Hollister, Walbridge, Rowland, West, J. I. Foot, Delavan, Shipherd, Spalding, Benjamin, Stevens, Brewster, Shaw, Harmon, Tracy, Richardson, Mack, Stillman, Preston, May, Ostrom, R. Campbell, M'Auley, Aikman, Peters, Gibson, N. E. Johnson, Schenck, Cheever, Burnet, Seymour, Woodruff, A. Miller, Jessup, Grant, A. White, Duffield, Hall, Gilbert, Faris, A. Campbell, Martin, Saunders, Fuller, Seward, D. Williams, Nutting, Barber, James Boyd, Woodbury, I. J. Rice, H. Brown, Breck, H. Kingsbury, Noyes, Cleaveland, R. Stuart, Wead, Roberts, E. Cutler, Dolbear, Dickinson, Bushnell, Phillips, Bradley, J. Crawford, Carnahan, Ayres, Whitney, Clark,

E. Kingsbury, Gould, Graves, Wisner, Hays, Cleland, Mines, Gideon, Painter, T. Brown, M'Corkle, M'Sween, Cunningham, Howard—107.

A resolution was offered, declaring that the Synod of the Western Reserve is not a part of the Presbyterian Church, and after debate

The Assembly adjourned till this afternoon at half-past 3 o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

Tuesday afternoon, half-past 3 *o'clock.*

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

A letter was received from John W. Thompson, Esq., resigning his office as Trustee of the General Assembly.

Nominations were made for persons to fill the vacancies in the Board of Trustees of the General Assembly, and the election was made the order of the day for Thursday afternoon.

The Assembly resumed the unfinished business of this morning, viz.: the resolution declaring the Synod of the Western Reserve not to be a portion of the Presbyterian Church, and after debate

The Assembly adjourned till to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

Wednesday morning, May 31*st*, 9 *o'clock.*

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The Assembly proceeded to the order of the day, viz.: the elections for Directors of the Theological Seminary at Princeton and of the Western Theological Seminary. Messrs. Golladay, Hart, and E. Cutler were appointed to receive and count the ballots for Directors of Princeton Seminary, and report the result to the Assembly; and Messrs. Crane, H. Patton, and A. White were appointed to receive and count the ballots for Directors of the Western Seminary, and report the result.

The committee to whom were referred the reports of the Presbyteries in relation to certain changes of the constitution reported that fifty-two Presbyteries have reported in favor of, and thirty-eight against, the extension of the term of study to be required from theological students; and that forty-two have reported in favor of, and twenty-three against, making the Synods in the proposed cases the judicatories of the last resort. The report was accepted and laid on the table.

The annual report of the Board of Education was presented, read, accepted, and referred to the Board for publication.

Resolved, That the Board of Education have power to make persons honorary members of the same by the payment of a sum to be specified by the Board; and that these persons, thus made honorary members, shall have a right to sit in the meetings of the Board and engage in their deliberations, but shall have no right to vote.

Nominations were made for persons to fill the vacancies in the Board of Education, and the election was made the second order of the day for to-morrow morning.

The committee to receive and count the ballots for persons to fill the vacancies in the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary at Princeton reported, when it appeared that the following were elected for three years, viz.:

Ministers.	Elders.
Joseph M'Elroy, D. D.	Alexander W. Mitchell, M. D.
Gardiner Spring, D. D.	John T. Woodhull, M. D.

Ministers.	Elders.
William A. M'Dowell, D. D.	Hugh Auchincloss.
William Neill, D. D.	
William Latta,	
George W. Musgrave,	
William D. Snodgrass, D. D.	

The committee to receive and count the ballots for persons to fill the vacancies in the Board of Directors of the Western Theological Seminary reported, when it appeared that the following were elected for three years, viz.:

Ministers.	Elders.
Thomas D. Baird,	Alexander Laughlin,
Samuel Tait,	Thomas G. Bailey,
David M'Conaughy, D. D.	Thomas Kiddoo.
Andrew O. Patterson,	
Robert Dunlap,	
David H. Riddle, D. D.	
James Culbertson.	

The Assembly resumed the unfinished business of yesterday, viz.: the resolution declaring the Synod of the Western Reserve not to be a part of the Presbyterian Church. And after debate it was moved to postpone the resolution with a view of introducing a resolution to send down to the Presbyteries an overture for a division of the Presbyterian Church; and after debate

The Assembly adjourned till this afternoon at half-past 3 o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

Wednesday afternoon, half-past 3 *o'clock.*

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The Assembly resumed the unfinished business of this morning, viz.: the motion to postpone the further consideration of the resolution declaring the Synod of the Western Reserve not to be part of the Presbyterian Church; after debate

The Assembly adjourned till to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

Thursday morning, June 1*st,* 9 *o'clock.*

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The Assembly postponed the orders of the day, and resumed the unfinished business of yesterday, viz.: the motion to postpone the further consideration of the resolution declaring the Synod of the Western Reserve not to be a part of the Presbyterian Church. And after debate the previous question was demanded, and decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, as follows, viz.:

"Shall the main question be now put?"

Yeas—Messrs. Platt, Savage, Lockhead, Leggett, R. I. Crawford, J. R. Johnston, Wilkin, Frame, Owen, Edwards, Goldsmith, S. Boyd, Potts, Lenox, Murray, B. M'Dowell, Blauvelt, Ogilvie, A. Alexander, William Wilson, Yeomans, Woodhull, Junkin, Lowe, John Wilson, Dorrance, Harris, Green, Fahnestock, Latta, Symington, Cuyler, Darrach, Davie, Penny, Hamilton, Breckinridge, Hickson, M. B. Patterson, M'Keehan, Creigh, Fullerton, Williamson, Long, J. H. Grier, J. B. Boyd, Hughes, Cook, Annan, Ewing, Hervey, Slagle, Baird, Kiddoo, Gladden, J. W. Johnston, Lowrie, Mitchel, Han-

nah, Stratton, Adair, Tait, M'Crackin, Van Deman, William Patterson, R. Miller, Beer, M'Combs, Torrance, Turner, Steel, Keys, Crane, Osborn, Golladay, James Coe, Marquis, M. S. Smith, Marshall, M'Kennan, Stafford, J. H. Rice, W. K. Stewart, Bailey, Hopkins, C. S. Todd, C. Stuart, Irwin, A. Todd, Hendren, Moore, Morrison, J. Alexander, W. H. Foote, Fitzgerald, Baxter, Hart, Plumer, Dunn, Graham, Caruthers, M'Queen, Potter, Pharr, Andrews, D. Brown, Conkey, Galbraith, John Patton, Sloss, Leatch, Hodge, James Greer, Ross, Simpson, Thornwell, J. Witherspoon, Coit, Leland, Pratt, Howard, J. M'Dowell, Goulding, T. S. Witherspoon, Morgan, D. Johnson, Van Court, Banks, J. Smylie, N. Smylie—130.

Nays—C. Cutler, Southworth, Holt, Burnap, Beman, Hayden, M'Goffin, Griswold, Porter, Sayre, Cone, M. Smith, Hunt, Stow, Pettibone, Williams, Roy, Lounsbury, Bronson, Gridley, M'Cullough, Hollister, Thatcher, Walbridge, Rowland, West, Foot, Delavan, Shipherd, Spalding, Benjamin, Stevens, Brewster, Shaw, Harmon, Tracy, Richardson, Mack, Stillman, Preston, May, Ostrom, R. Campbell, M'Auley, Aikman, Peters, Gibson, N. E. Johnson, Cheever, Seymour, Woodruff, A. Miller, Jessup, Grant, A. White, Duffield, Gilbert, Faris, A. Campbell, Martin, Saunders, Fuller, Seward, D. Williams, Nutting, Barber, James Boyd, Woodbury, I. J. Rice, H. Brown, H. Kingsbury, Noyes, Cleaveland, R. Stuart, Warriner, Wead, Reed, Roberts, E. Cutler, Dickinson, Bushnell, Isaac Coe, Carnahan, Ayres, Whitney, Clark, Leonard, Gould, Graves, Chamberlain, Wisner, Hays, T. P. Smith, Mines, Gideon, John Miller, Painter, T. Brown, M'Corkle, Cunningham, E. White, Brotherton—102.

Non liquet—Mr. Anderson.

So the motion to postpone was cut off. And then the original resolution was adopted, by yeas and nays, as follows, viz.:

Resolved, That, by the operation of the abrogation of the Plan of Union of 1801 the Synod of the Western Reserve is, and is hereby declared to be, no longer a part of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America.

Yeas—Messrs. M'Goffin, Platt, Leggett, R. I. Crawford, J. R. Johnston, Wilkin, Frame, Owen, Edwards, Goldsmith, S. Boyd, Potts, Lenox, Murray, B. M'Dowell, Blauvelt, Ogilvie, A. Alexander, William Wilson, Yeomans, Woodhull, Junkin, Lowe, John Wilson, Dorrance, Harris, Green, Fahnestock, Latta, Symington, Cuyler, Darrach, Davie, Penny, Hamilton, Breckinridge, Hickson, M. B. Patterson, M'Keehan, Creigh, Fullerton, Williamson, Long, J. H. Grier, J. B. Boyd, Hughes, Cook, Annan, Ewing, Hervey, Slagle, Baird, Kiddoo, Gladden, J. W. Johnston, Lowrie, Mitchel, Hannah, Stratton, Adair, Tait, M'Crackin, Van Deman, W. Patterson, R. Miller, Beer, M'Combs, Torrance, Turner, Steel, Keys, Crane, Osborn, Golladay, J. Coe, Marquis, M. S. Smith, Marshall, M'Kennan, Stafford, J. H. Rice, W. K. Stewart, Bailey, Chamberlain, Hopkins, C. S. Todd, C. Stuart, Irwin, A. Todd, Hendren, Moore, Morrison, J. Alexander, W. H. Foote, Fitzgerald, Baxter, J. Miller, Hart, Anderson, Plumer, Dunn, Graham, Caruthers, M'Queen, Potter, Pharr, Andrews, D. Brown, Conkey, Galbraith, J. Patton, Sloss, Leatch, Hodge, J. Greer, Ross, Simpson, Thornwell, J. Witherspoon, Coit, Leland, Pratt, J. M'Dowell, Goulding, T. S. Witherspoon, Morgan, D. Johnson, Van Court, Brotherton, Banks, J. Smylie, N. Smylie—132.

Nays—Messrs. C. Cutler, Southworth, Holt, Burnap, Beman, Hayden, Griswold, Porter, Sayre, Cone, Savage, M. Smith, Hunt, Stow, Pettibone, T. Williams, Roy, Lounsbury, Bronson, Gridley, M'Cullough, Hollister, Thatcher, Walbridge, Rowland, West, J. I. Foot, Delavan, Shipherd, Spalding, Benjamin, Stevens, Brewster, Shaw, Harmon, Tracy, Richardson, Mack,

Stillman, Preston, May, Ostrom, R. Campbell, M'Auley, Aikman, Peters, Gibson, N. E. Johnson, Cheever, Seymour, Woodruff, Adam Miller, Jessup, Grant, A. White, Duffield, Hall, Gilbert, Faris, A. Campbell, Martin, Saunders, Fuller, Seward, D. Williams, Nutting, Barber, James Boyd, Woodbury, I. J. Rice, H. Brown, H. Kingsbury, Noyes, Cleaveland, R. Stuart, Warriner, Wead, Roberts, E. Cutler, Dolbear, Dickinson, Bushnell, Phillips, Bradley, J. Crawford, Isaac Coe, Carnahan, Ayres, Whitney, Clark, Leonard, E. Kingsbury, Gould, Graves, Wisner, Hays, T. P. Smith, Mines, Gideon, Painter, Thomas Brown, M'Corkle, Cunningham, E. White, Howard—105.

Adjourned till this afternoon at half-past 3 o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

Thursday afternoon, half-past 3 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The Assembly being informed that Mr. George Ralston, who has been for some years a member of the Board of Education, and who was yesterday put on nomination for re-election, had suddenly departed this life this morning, another person was put in nomination in his place; and it was

Resolved, That the sympathy of this Assembly be communicated to the family and friends of the late George Ralston, Esq., expressing our deep regret at the loss which his family, the public, and especially the Presbyterian Church, have sustained in this sudden and solemn event.

A motion was made that those members who were out of the House when the last vote of this morning was taken be allowed to have their names entered among the yeas and nays; after debate, this motion was laid on the table.

The Assembly proceeded to the order of the day, viz.: the election of Trustees of the General Assembly.

A motion was made that this election be by ballot, and decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, as follows, viz.:

Yeas—Messrs. Wood, Platt, Savage, M. Smith, Pettibone, Hay, M'Cullough, Hollister, Thatcher, Spalding, Benjamin, Brewster, Shaw, Mack, Stillman, Preston, Leggett, R. I. Crawford, Wilkin, Ostrom, Frame, Edwards, Peters, Gibson, Burnet, Murray, B. M'Dowell, W. Wilson, Woodhull, John Wilson, Dorrance, A. Miller, Jessup, Darrach, Grant, A. White, Duffield, Davie, Martin, M'Keehan, J. W. Johnston, Cleaveland, R. Stuart, Warriner, Van Deman, Samuel Wilson, Phillips, Blythe, M'Kennan, Whitney, W. K. Stewart, E. Kingsbury, Gould, Graves, Wisner, C. S. Todd, C. Stuart, W. H. Foote, Plumer, Pharr, Painter, Galbraith, Sloss, Leatch, J. Witherspoon, E. White, Van Court, J. Smylie—68.

Nays—Lockhead, Walbridge, Harmon, Hall, Gilbert, Williamson—6.

Before the vote was announced, a motion was made directing the Clerk to call the names of members of the Western Reserve Synod, which motion the Moderator decided to be out of order; an appeal was taken from the Moderator, and the House sustained his decision.

Mr. Jessup presented a written demand that the members of the Western Reserve Synod be admitted to vote in the election now in progress, and protesting against the rejection of their votes.

The paper was laid on the table.

Messrs. M'Kennan, Torrance, and T. P. Smith were appointed to receive and count the votes for persons to fill the vacancies in the Board of Trustees of the General Assembly, and to report the result.

The Assembly took up that portion of the memorial which relates to the

method of reform, and a resolution was offered respecting the operations of the American Home Missionary Society and of the American Education Society within the bounds of the Presbyterian Church. And after debate

The Assembly adjourned till to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

Friday morning, June 2d, 9 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The committee to receive and count the ballots for persons to fill the vacancies in the Board of Trustees reported, when it appeared that the following, being the only persons nominated, were elected, viz.: Rev. Henry A. Boardman, William Brown, and John K. Kane.

The Assembly proceeded to the order of the day, viz.: the election of persons to fill the vacancies in the Board of Education, and Messrs. J. W. Johnston, Blauvelt, and Savage were appointed to receive and count the votes and report the result.

The committee on Overture No. 12, viz.: the papers of the Rev. Hugh Gibson, a foreign minister, reported in favor of his being received by the Presbytery of New York; the report was adopted.

A Protest against the resolutions of the Assembly abrogating the "Plan of Union" of 1801 was introduced and accepted, and it was referred to Dr. Junkin, Dr. Green, and Mr. Anderson to be answered.

The Assembly resumed the unfinished business of yesterday, viz.: the resolution respecting the operations of the American Home Missionary Society and of the American Education Society within the bounds of the Presbyterian Church; and, after debate,

The Assembly adjourned till this afternoon at half-past 3 o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

Friday afternoon, half-past 3 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The committee to receive and count the votes for persons to fill the vacancies in the Board of Education reported, when it appeared that the following were elected for four years, viz.:

MINISTERS.	LAYMEN.
Archibald Alexander, D. D.	Alexander Henry,
Moses Waddell, D. D.	A. W. Mitchell, M. D.
Norris Bull,	J. B. Mitchell,
A. Macklin,	John Stille,
W. S. Plumer,	M. Newkirk,
D. M'Conaughy, D. D.	A. Van Sinderen,
J. M'Dowell, D. D.	William Harris, M. D.
Joseph C. Styles,	
J. N. Campbell, D. D.	*For one year.*
N. Murray.	Stephen Colwell,
	James N. Dickson.

The Assembly resumed the unfinished business of this morning, viz.: the resolution respecting the operations of the American Home Missionary Society and of the American Education Society within the bounds of the Presbyterian Church; and, after debate,

The previous question was demanded, and decided in the affirmative; and

the main question being put, the resolution was adopted, by yeas and nays, as follows, viz.:

Resolved, That while we desire that no body of Christian men of other denominations should be prevented from choosing their own plans of doing good, and while we claim no right to complain should they exceed us in energy and zeal, we believe that facts too familiar to need repetition here warrant us in affirming that the organization and operations of the so-called American Home Missionary Society and American Education Society, and its branches of whatever name, are exceedingly injurious to the peace and purity of the Presbyterian Church. We recommend, accordingly, that they should cease to operate within any of our churches.

YEAS—Messrs. Platt, Leggett, R. I. Crawford, Wilkin, Frame, Edwards, Goldsmith, Potts, Lenox, Murray, B. M'Dowell, Blauvelt, Ogilvie, A. Alexander, W. Wilson, Yeomans, Woodhull, Junkin, Lowe, J. Wilson, Dorrance, Harris, Green, Fahnestock, Latta, Symington, Cuyler, Darrach, Davie, Penny, Hamilton, Breckinridge, Hickson, M. B. Patterson, M'Keehan, Creigh, Fullerton, Williamson, Long, J. H. Grier, J. B. Boyd, Hughes, Cook, Annan, Ewing, Hervey, Baird, Kiddoo, Gladden, J. W. Johnston, Mitchel, Hannah, Stratton, Adair, Tait, M'Crackin, Van Deman, W. Patterson, S. Wilson, R. Miller, Beer, M'Combs, Torrance, Turner, Steel, Keys, Crane, Osborn, Golladay, James Coe, Marquis, H. Patton, M. S. Smith, Blythe, Marshall, M'Kennan, I. Coe, Stafford, J. H. Rice, W. K. Stewart, Hopkins, C. S. Todd, C. Stuart, Irwin, A. Todd, Hendren, Moore, Morrison, J. Alexander, W. H. Foote, Fitzgerald, Mines, Baxter, Hart, Anderson, Plumer, Dunn, Carothers, M'Queen, Potter, Pharr, Andrews, D. Brown, Galbraith, J. Patton, Sloss, Leatch, Hodge, James Greer, Ross, Simpson, Thornwell, J. Witherspoon, Coit, Leland, Pratt, J. M'Dowell, Goulding, T. S. Witherspoon, Morgan, D. Johnson, Van Court, J. Smylie, N. Smylie—124.

NAYS—Messrs. Southworth, Holt, Burnap, Beman, Griswold, Porter, Sayre, Cone, Whittlesey, M. Smith, Hunt, Stow, Pettibone, Doubleday, Williams, Hay, Roy, Lounsbury, Gridley, M'Cullough, Hollister, Thatcher, Walbridge, Rowland, West, Delavan, Shipherd, Spalding, Benjamin, Stevens, Brewster, Harmon, Tracy, Richardson, Mack, Stillman, Preston, May, Ostrom, R. Campbell, M'Auley, Aikman, Peters, Gibson, N. E. Johnson, Burnet, Seymour, Woodruff, A. Miller, Jessup, Grant, A. White, Duffield, Hall, Gilbert, A. Campbell, Cleaveland, R. Stuart, Warriner, Wead, Reed, E. Cutler, Dolbear, Dickinson, Bushnell, Phillips, Bradley, J. Crawford, Carnahan, Ayres, Whitney, Clark, Kingsbury, Gould, Graves, Chamberlain, Wisner, Gideon, Graham, Painter, T. Brown, M'Corkle, M'Sween, Cunningham, E. White, Brotherton—86.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

Saturday morning, June 3d, 9 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

Mr. Jessup offered a paper, purporting to be a Protest from the Commissioners, members of the Western Reserve Synod, against the resolution of this Assembly declaring that that Synod is not a part of the Presbyterian Church. The Protest was received, read, and committed to Messrs. Plumer, Ewing, and Woodhull to be answered.

Dr. Beman introduced a Protest, signed by himself and others, against the resolutions of this Assembly respecting the citation of such inferior judicatories as may be charged by common fame with irregularities, and against the resolution of this Assembly declaring the Synod of the Western Reserve

not to be a part of the Presbyterian Church. The Protest was read, accepted, and committed to Messrs. Breckinridge, Annan, and C. S. Todd to be answered.

The Committee to prepare a Narrative of the State of Religion made a report, which was read, accepted, and laid on the table.

Resolutions were offered by Mr. Breckinridge respecting the connection of the Synods of Utica, Geneva, and Genesee with the Presbyterian Church of the United States. A division of the question was called for by Mr. Jessup; and, after debate, it was moved by Mr. Jessup to postpone the resolutions, with a view of introducing the following substitute, viz.:

Whereas, It has been alleged that the Synods of Geneva, Genesee, and Utica of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America have been guilty of important delinquency and grossly unconstitutional proceedings, and a resolution predicated on this allegation to exclude the said Synods from the said Presbyterian Church has been offered to this Assembly; *and whereas*, No specified act of the said Synod has been made the ground of proceeding against that body, nor any specific members of that body have been designated as the delinquents; *and whereas*, These charges are denied by the Commissioners representing those bodies on this floor, and an inquiry into the whole matter is demanded; *and whereas*, A majority of the members of the Synods have had no previous notice of these proceedings, nor of the existence of any charge against them, individually or collectively, nor any opportunity of defending themselves against the charges so brought against them;

Therefore, *Resolved*, That the Synods of Utica, Geneva, and Genesee be, and hereby are, cited to appear on the third Thursday of May next, at Philadelphia, before the next General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, to show what they have done, or failed to do, in the case in question, and, if necessary, generally to answer any charges that may or can be alleged against them, to the end that the whole matter may be examined into, deliberated upon, and judged of according to the constitution and discipline of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America.

After debate,

The Assembly adjourned till Monday morning at 9 o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

Monday morning, June 5th, 9 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The Assembly resumed the unfinished business of Saturday, viz.: the motion to postpone the resolution offered by Mr. Breckinridge respecting the connection of the Synods of Utica, Geneva, and Genesee with the Presbyterian Church, for the purpose of introducing a resolution to cite those Synods to the bar of the next Assembly. During the debate Mr. Plumer, who had the floor, was called to order for adducing certain letters and papers in the course of his argument. The Moderator decided that Mr. Plumer was in order. An appeal was taken from the Moderator, and the House sustained his decision. And, after further debate,

The Assembly adjourned till this afternoon at half-past 3 o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

Monday afternoon, half-past 3 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The Assembly resumed the unfinished business of this morning, viz.: the motion to postpone the resolutions respecting the Synods of Utica, Geneva, and Genesee; and, after debate, the previous question was demanded, and decided in the affirmative; and the motion to postpone being cut off by the previous question, the resolutions were divided, and the first was adopted, by yeas and nays, as follows, viz.:

Be it resolved, by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America—

1. That in consequence of the abrogation by this Assembly of the Plan of Union of 1801 between it and the General Association of Connecticut as utterly unconstitutional, and therefore null and void from the beginning, the Synods of Utica, Geneva, and Genesee, which were formed and attached to this body under and in execution of said "Plan of Union," be, and are hereby declared to be, out of the ecclesiastical connection of the Presbyterian Church of the United States of America, and that they are not in form or in fact an integral portion of said Church.

YEAS—Messrs. Platt, Leggett, R. I. Crawford, J. R. Johnston, Wilkin, Frame, Goldsmith, S. Boyd, Potts, Lenox, Murray, B. M'Dowell, Ogilvie, William Wilson, Yeomans, Woodhull, Junkin, Lowe, John Wilson, Dorrance, Harris, Green, Latta, Symington, Cuyler, Darrach, Penny, Hamilton, Breckinridge, Hickson, M. B. Patterson, M'Keehan, Creigh, Fullerton, Williamson, Long, J. H. Grier, Hughes, Cook, Annan, Ewing, Hervey, Slagle, Baird, Kiddoo, Gladden, J. W. Johnston, Lowrie, Mitchel, Hannah, Stratton, Adair, Tait, M'Crackin, Van Deman, W. Patterson, S. Wilson, R. Miller, Beer, M'Combs, Torrance, Turner, Crane, Osborn, Marquis, H. Patton, M. S. Smith, Marshall, M'Kennan, Stafford, J. H. Rice, W. K. Stewart, Hopkins, C. S. Todd, C. Stuart, Irwin, A. Todd, Hendren, Moore, J. Alexander, W. H. Foote, Fitzgerald, Baxter, Hart, Anderson, Plumer, Dunn, Graham, Caruthers, M'Queen, Potter, Pharr, Andrews, D. Brown, Galbraith, J. Patton, Sloss, Leatch, Hodge, James Greer, Ross, Simpson, Thornwell, J. Witherspoon, Coit, Leland, Pratt, James M'Dowell, Goulding, Morgan, D. Johnson, Van Court, Banks, J. Smylie, N. Smylie—115.

NAYS.—Messrs. C. Cutler, Southworth, Holt, Burnap, Beman, Wood, M'Goffin, Griswold, Porter, Sayre, Cone, Whittlesey, Savage, M. Smith, Hunt, Stow, Pettibone, Doubleday, Lockhead, Hay, Roy, Lounsbury, Bronson, Gridley, M'Cullough, Thatcher, Shipherd, Gregory, Spalding, Benjamin, Stevens, Brewster, Harmon, Richardson, Mack, Stillman, Preston, May, Ostrom, R. Campbell, M'Auley, Peters, N. E. Johnson, Cheever, Burnet, Seymour, Woodruff, A. Miller, Jessup, Grant, A. White, Duffield, Hall, Gilbert, Paris, A. Campbell, Cleaveland, R. Stuart, Warriner, Wead, Reed, E. Cutler, Dolbear, Dickinson, Bushnell, Phillips, Bradley, Blythe, J. Crawford, I. Coe, Carnahan, Whitney, Clark, Leonard, Kingsbury, Gould, Graves, Wisner, Cleland, T. P. Smith, Morrison, Mines, Painter, T. Brown, M'Corkle, M'Sween, Cunningham, E. White—88.

NON LIQUET—John Miller.

The second, third, and fourth resolutions were then adopted, by yeas and nays, as follows, viz.:

2. That the solicitude of this Assembly on the whole subject, and its urgency for the immediate decision of it, are greatly increased by reason of the gross disorders which are ascertained to have prevailed in those Synods (as well as that of the Western Reserve, against which a declarative resolution, similar to the first of these, has been passed during our present sessions), it being made clear to us that even the Plan of Union itself was never consistently carried into effect by those professing to act under it.

3. That the General Assembly has no intention, by these resolutions or

by that passed in the case of the Synod of the Western Reserve, to affect in any way the ministerial standing of any members of either of said Synods, nor to disturb the pastoral relation in any church, nor to interfere with the duties or relations of private Christians in their respective congregations; but only to declare and determine, according to the truth and necessity of the case, and by virtue of the full authority existing in it for that purpose, the relation of all said Synods and all their constituent parts to this body and to the Presbyterian Church in the United States.

4. That inasmuch as there are reported to be several churches and ministers, if not one or two Presbyteries, now in connection with one or more of said Synods, which are strictly Presbyterian in doctrine and order, be it therefore further *Resolved*, That all such churches and ministers as wish to unite with us are hereby directed to apply for admission into those Presbyteries belonging to our connection which are most convenient to their respective locations; and that any such Presbytery as aforesaid, being strictly Presbyterian in doctrine and order, and now in connection with either of said Synods, as may desire to unite with us, are hereby directed to make application, with a full statement of their cases, to the next General Assembly, which will take proper order thereon.

Yeas—Messrs. Platt, Leggett, R. I. Crawford, J. R. Johnston, Frame, Goldsmith, S. Boyd, Potts, Lenox, Murray, B. M'Dowell, Ogilvie, William Wilson, Yeomans, Woodhull, Junkin, Lowe, J. Wilson, Harris, Green, Latta, Symington, Cuyler, Darrach, Penny, Hamilton, Breckinridge, Hickson, M. B. Patterson, M'Keehan, Creigh, Fullerton, Williamson, Long, J. H. Grier, Hughes, Cook, Annan, Ewing, Hervey, Slagle, Baird, Kiddoo, Gladden, J. W. Johnston, Lowrie, Mitchel, Hannah, Stratton, Adair, Tait, M'Crackin, Van Deman, W. Patterson, S. Wilson, R. Miller, Beer, M'Combs, Torrance, Turner, Crane, Osborn, Marquis, H. Patton, M. S. Smith, Marshall, M'Kennan, Stafford, J. H. Rice, W. K. Stewart, Hopkins, C. S. Todd, C. Stuart, Irwin, A. Todd, Hendren, Moore, J. Alexander, Foote, Fitzgerald, Baxter, Hart, Anderson, Plumer, Dunn, Graham, Caruthers, M'Queen, Potter, Pharr, Andrews, D. Brown, Galbraith, J. Patton, Sloss, Leatch, Hodge, J. Greer, Ross, Simpson, Thornwell, J. Witherspoon, Coit, Leland, Pratt, J. M'Dowell, Goulding, Morgan, D. Johnson, Van Court, Banks, J. Smylie, N. Smylie—113.

Nays—Messrs. C. Cutler, Southworth, Holt, Burnap, Beman, Wood, M'Goffin, Griswold, Porter, Sayre, Cone, Whittlesey, Ostrom, R. Campbell, M'Auley, Peters, N. E. Johnson, Cheever, Seymour, Woodruff, A. Miller, Jessup, Grant, A. White, Duffield, Hall, Gilbert, Faris, A. Campbell, Cleaveland, R. Stuart, Warriner, Wead, Reed, E. Cutler, Dolbear, Dickinson, Bushnell, Phillips, Bradley, J. Crawford, I. Coe, Carnahan, Whitney, Clark, Leonard, Kingsbury, Gould, Graves, Wisner, Cleland, T. P. Smith, Morrison, Mines, Painter, T. Brown, M'Corkle, M'Sween, Cunningham, E. White—60.

Mr. Dickinson introduced a Protest, signed by himself and others, against the resolution of this Assembly respecting the American Home Missionary Society and the American Education Society, which was received, read, and committed to Dr. Alexander, Dr. Green, and Mr. Potts to be answered.

Some disturbance having been made among the spectators, Mr. Breckinridge moved that the Assembly will hereafter sit with closed doors. The motion was laid on the table.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

Tuesday morning, June 6th, 9 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The report of Mr. J. Whetham in relation to the arranged editions of the Psalms and Hymns was presented, read, accepted, and ordered to be printed in the Appendix to the Minutes.

The committee to whom was referred Overture No. 8, being a memorial of the Synod of Michigan on the subject of the Sabbath, made a report that they have considered the subject, and are of opinion that, under existing circumstances, it is not expedient to take any action on the subject.

The report was adopted, and the committee discharged.

Resolved, That Messrs. Beer, Potter, and Murray be a committee to report this afternoon respecting a place for the meeting of the next Assembly.

The following resolutions were offered by Dr. Alexander, viz.:

Resolved, That the following be added to the Rules of the General Assembly:

1. That no Commissioner from a newly-formed Presbytery shall be permitted to take his seat, nor shall such Commissioner be reported by the Committee on Commissions, until the Presbytery shall have been duly reported by the Synod, and recognized as such by the Assembly; and that the same rule apply when the name of any Presbytery has been changed.

2. When it shall appear to the satisfaction of the General Assembly that any new Presbytery has been formed for the purpose of unduly increasing the representation, the General Assembly will, by a vote of the majority, refuse to receive the delegates of Presbyteries so formed, and may direct the Synod to which such Presbytery belongs to reunite it to the Presbytery or Presbyteries to which the members were before attached.

After debate, it was moved to lay the resolutions on the table. The motion was decided, by yeas and nays, as follows, viz.:

Yeas—Messrs. C. Cutler, Southworth, Burnap, Beman, Griswold, Porter, Sayre, Cone, Whittlesey, Ostrom, M'Auley, Peters, N. E. Johnson, Cheever, Burnet, Seymour, Woodruff, A. Miller, Jessup, Grant, A. White, Duffield, Hall, Gilbert, Faris, A. Campbell, Warriner, Wead, Reed, Dolbear, Dickinson, Bushnell, Phillips, J. Crawford, Ayres, Clark, Leonard, Gould, Graves, Cleland, Mines, Painter, T. Brown, E. White—44.

Nays—Messrs. Platt, Leggett, R. I. Crawford, J. R. Johnston, Frame, Goldsmith, Potts, Lenox, Murray, B. M'Dowell, Blauvelt, Ogilvie, A. Alexander, Wm. Wilson, Yeomans, Woodhull, Junkin, Lowe. J. Wilson, Dorrance, Green, Latta, Symington, Cuyler, Davie, Penny, Hamilton, Breckinridge, Hickson, M. B. Patterson, M'Keehan, Creigh, Fullerton, Williamson, Long, J. H. Grier, Hughes, Cook, Annan, Ewing, Slagle, Baird, Kiddoo, Gladden, J. W. Johnston, Lowrie, Mitchel, Hannah, Stratton, Adair, Tait, M'Crackin, Cleaveland, E. Cutler, Van Deman, W. Patterson, S. Wilson, R. Miller, Beer, M'Combs, Torrance, Turner, Crane, Osborn, Golladay, James Coe, Marquis, H. Patton, M. S. Smith, Blythe, Marshall, I. Coe, W. K. Stewart, E. Kingsbury, Chamberlain, C. S. Todd, C. Stuart, Irwin, A. Todd, Moore, J. Alexander, W. H. Foote, Fitzgerald, Baxter, Anderson, Plumer, Dunn, Caruthers, M'Queen, Potter, Pharr, Andrews, D. Brown, Galbraith, J. Patton, Sloss, Leatch, Hodge, J. Greer, Ross, Simpson, Thornwell, J. Witherspoon, Coit, Leland, Pratt, J. M'Dowell, Goulding, Morgan, D. Johnson, Van Court, Brotherton, Banks, J. Smylie, N. Smylie—115.

So the motion to lay the resolutions on the table was lost.

After further debate,

The resolutions were adopted.

Adjourned till this afternoon at half-past 3 o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

Tuesday afternoon, half-past 3 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

A Protest, signed by the Commissioners from the Synods of Genesee, Geneva, and Utica, against the resolutions of this Assembly declaring those Synods to be out of the Presbyterian Church, was received, read, and referred to Dr. Witherspoon, Mr. Murray, and Dr. Simpson to be answered.

The committee to report this afternoon respecting a place for the meeting of the next General Assembly asked for further time. The request was granted.

Mr. Breckinridge offered the following resolutions, viz.:

Be it Resolved, by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America—

1. That the Presbyteries of Wilmington and the Third Presbytery of Philadelphia be, and hereby are, dissolved.

2. The territory embraced in these Presbyteries is annexed to those to which it respectively appertained before their creation. Their Stated Clerks are directed to deposit all their records and other papers in the hands of the Stated Clerk of the Synod of Philadelphia on or before the first day of the sessions of that Synod at its first meeting after this Assembly adjourns.

3. The candidates and foreign missionaries of the Presbytery of Wilmington are hereby attached to the Presbytery of New Castle; and those of the Third Presbytery of Philadelphia, to the First Presbytery of Philadelphia.

4. The ministers, churches, and licentiates in the two Presbyteries hereby dissolved are directed to apply without delay to the Presbyteries to which they most naturally belong for admission into them; and upon application so made by any duly-organized Presbyterian church it shall be received; but as great, long-continued, and increasing common fame charges errors and irregularities in doctrine and order on both these Presbyteries, it is hereby ordered that all Presbyteries to which any of the ministers or licentiates now belonging to either of them shall apply for admission shall strictly examine them touching their soundness in the faith and other matters, as shall seem good to the Presbyteries to which application for admission may be made.

5. If either of the aforesaid Presbyteries, or any church, minister, licentiate, missionary, or candidate, shall fail or refuse to comply with the terms of these resolutions according to their true intent, said Presbytery, church, or person, as the case may be, is hereby declared to be thenceforward, *de facto*, out of the communion of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, and no longer an integral portion thereof.

6. These resolutions shall be in force from and after the final adjournment of the present sessions of the General Assembly.

After debate, Mr. Lowrie moved to amend these resolutions by striking out all after the word "received," in the fourth resolution, and also the whole of the fifth and sixth resolutions; and, after debate, it was moved to commit this whole subject to a special committee; and, after further debate,

The Assembly adjourned till 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Concluded with prayer.

Wednesday morning, June 7th, 9 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The committee appointed to make inquiry respecting the place for the meeting of the next General Assembly reported that they had attended to the duty assigned them, and they recommended that the next General As-

sembly meet in the Seventh Presbyterian Church in the city of Philadelphia.

The report was adopted.

The Committee on Leave of Absence reported that they had given leave to the following persons, viz.: Messrs. Gardner Hayden, W. W. Bailey, Geo. R. King, Jonathan Wickware, James C. Edwards, Samuel Steel, Wm. Keys, Wm. Fahnestock, Robert Aikman, Dr. James C. M'Goffin, Hervey H. Hays, Alexander Ogilvie, James W. Wilkin, Edwin Holt, Thomas Kiddoo, J. Patton, Dewey Whitney, Thomas Cleland, Thomas P. Smith, John Crawford, Isaac Coe, and J. W. Phillips.

Mr. Plumer, from the committee to answer the Protest signed by the Commissioners from the Western Reserve Synod, made a report, recommending that the Protest be entered on the minutes, accompanied with the Answer prepared by the committee. The report was read, accepted, and adopted, and the Protest and the Answer were ordered to be entered on the minutes, and are as follows, viz.:

PROTEST.

Philadelphia, June 2, 1837.

We, the subscribers, Commissioners to this General Assembly from the Presbyteries of *Grand River*, *Trumbull*, *Portage*, *Cleveland*, *Lorain*, *Medina*, *Huron*, and *Maumee*, feel it our duty to enter our solemn PROTEST and REMONSTRANCE against what we regard the *unconstitutional and unjust* act of the Assembly, by which we are interrupted in the discharge of the duties assigned us by our respective Presbyteries, and *excluded from the floor of this House* and from the Presbyterian Church of these United States of America, and by which the General Assembly of the said Church is actually dismembered; and for the following reasons, viz.:

1. We were regularly appointed by our Presbyteries, commissioned in due form, and admitted to our seats in this Assembly, and exercised our undisputed rights as members for two weeks.

2. The Presbyteries represented by us *all* have a regular Presbyterian existence, according to the constitution of the Presbyterian Church as interpreted and administered by all the courts of the Church; and some of these Presbyteries existed prior to the adoption of the constitution in 1821, and participated in that act.

3. If there was anything wrong in the original organization of our Presbyteries—which we do not admit or believe—this wrong was chargeable, not upon *us*, but upon the Synod of Pittsburgh, from whose act our original Presbyteries received their existence, and which act has been *sanctioned* by twenty-two General Assemblies up to the present time.

4. But if—after an administration of the constitution for thirty-six years on the assumption that the "Plan of Union" with the "Association of Connecticut" was constitutional—a *different* conclusion is *now* arrived at, we can see no reason why this new discovery, which legally concerns the "*accommodation churches*" only, should be made a reason why Presbyteries, ministers, and elders regularly introduced into the Presbyterian Church, according to its known and common forms, should be driven, without a constitutional trial, from the rights and privileges secured to them by our constitution.

5. If it be assumed that the existence of churches on the "accommodation plan" rightfully annihilates the existence of all Presbyteries and Synods where such churches have been formed, we see not why this principle should be confined in its severe application to the "Synod of the Western Reserve," when it is known that the same system has prevailed in the Synods of Albany, New Jersey, and South Carolina and Georgia, and extensively in other

Synods under the care of the General Assembly. And if the toleration of the "accommodation plan" proves so fatal to the existence of inferior courts, we see not why the *originating and the fostering* of this plan for thirty-six years should not render nugatory all the acts of the Assembly itself, and even destroy its charter.

A principle which leads to results so disastrous and "suicidal" to the Presbyterian Church we cannot regard as constitutional.

6. Once admit that regularly-appointed Commissioners may be excluded *instanter*, without a charge of discourtesy to the House, and without trial, and the way is open to drive from the General Assembly, under some pretext or other, any member or any number of members who for the time being may be obnoxious to the majority. This principle annihilates at once and for ever the rights of Presbyteries on this floor, and renders the constitution itself a dead letter.

We complain not so much that we were denied a patient hearing; that it was professed we were not on trial, on the ground that we were already out of the House by the passage of a previous resolution, and that still testimony was elicited from us catechetically which, we think, was abused to our condemnation; that the whole case on which hung the destiny of the Synod was hurried through, and finally closed, by the "*previous question*," which shut up the mouths of ourselves and our friends; that, finally, we were furnished with no communication dismissing us from the House in a courteous manner. *All this* we have felt to be unkind and unjust treatment, but we have passed it over, to select our reasons for protest from the great principles of Presbyterianism, which in our case have been violated. We, therefore, wish to leave this our solemn PROTEST on the records of a court of which we still regard ourselves as rightful members. Having done this, we commit our case to the calm decision of the Church at large—of posterity—of God.

Rufus Nutting, Alanson Saunders, Henry Brown, Eldad Barber, John Seward, William Fuller, Joseph H. Breck, James Boyd, Harmon Kingsbury, Isaac J. Rice, Varnum Noyes, Benjamin Woodbury, Dudley Williams.

ANSWER.

The General Assembly might not only decline to reply to the Protest signed by the Commissioners from the Presbyteries composing the Synod of the Western Reserve, but even refuse to admit it to record. For if the "Plan of Union" was unconstitutional, and therefore void, from the beginning; and the existence of these Presbyteries was founded on that Plan of Union, then they never had a constitutional existence, and their Commissioners never had a constitutional right to a seat in the General Assembly. The Assembly, therefore, do not *exclude* those whom they admit *once had a right* to seats here, but they simply *declare* that, from the unconstitutional organization of these Presbyteries, their Commissioners never had, and of course now have not, a right to seats in this Assembly. They therefore had no "right to vote," and consequently had no "right to join in a Protest" against any decision of this House, or to have their Protest admitted to record. They did vote, however, in the decision against which they protest; but if they did that in one case which the constitution did not authorize, that certainly gives them no right to do another thing which depended on their right to do the first act.

But the Assembly desire to treat those brethren with all courtesy, and therefore allow their Protest a place in the records.

To their reasons for protesting the following answers are given.

It seems, however, to be proper, in the first place, to state the great principle on which the Assembly decided.

We believe that our powers, as a judicatory, are limited and prescribed by the constitution of the Presbyterian Church. Whatever any Assembly may do which it is not authorized by the constitution to do is not binding on any inferior judicatory nor on any subsequent Assembly.

The constitution provides that all our judicatories shall be composed of bishops or ministers and ruling elders of the Presbyterian Church, and the General Assembly have no right to introduce into any of the judicatories any other persons claiming to hold any other offices either in the Presbyterian Church or any other Church. And should they attempt to do this no one is bound by it. But the General Assembly of 1801 did permit members of standing committees in churches not Presbyterian "to sit and act" in our Presbyteries, and under this provision they have sat in the higher judicatories of the Church.

On a thorough investigation it is now fully ascertained that they had no authority from the constitution to admit officers from any other denomination of Christians to sit and act in our judicatories; and, *therefore*, no Presbytery or Synod thus constituted is recognized by the constitution of our Church, and no subsequent General Assembly is bound to recognize them.

The Presbyteries of the Synod of the Western Reserve are thus constituted, for committee-men are permitted "to sit and act" in all these Presbyteries; therefore this General Assembly cannot recognize the constitutional existence of these Presbyteries.

The fact that they have been recognized by former Assemblies cannot bind this Assembly when it is fully convinced of the unconstitutionality of the organization.

In reply to the first reason in the Protest—viz. that they were regularly appointed by their Presbyteries, etc.—we say they were not regularly appointed, for it is admitted that these committee-men are allowed to vote for Commissioners to the Assembly, and these illegal votes, of which there may have been a majority, renders the appointment illegal. They held their seats in this Assembly for some time, it is true, but this gives them no right to continue to hold them after it is ascertained that they had no constitutional right to seats.

As to the second reason, that their Presbyteries have a regular Presbyterian existence, it is denied by this Assembly, and on this ground they are denied seats. The existence of Presbyteries thus constituted is recognized neither in the former nor the amended constitution of the Church.

3. If the Synod of Pittsburgh constituted Presbyteries in part of materials not allowed by the constitution, this Assembly is not bound to recognize them.

4. It is well known to those acquainted with the history of this General Assembly that the "Plan of Union," as an unconstitutional compact, has long been a subject of complaint, and as long as the year 1831 the Assembly resolved that the appointment of members of standing committees to be members of the General Assembly was of questionable constitutionality, and therefore ought not in future to be made; and since that time none have been received in the Assembly known to be such. But their right to seats here is just as constitutional as in the Presbytery.

The protestants still assume that their Presbyteries are regularly constituted, while we consider it a fundamental departure from our system to organize a Presbytery with one or two Presbyterian churches and ten or twelve of another denomination of Christians. And had none but Presby-

terian churches been allowed to belong to the Presbyteries, some of these Presbyteries never would have existed. The representatives of these churches, on the accommodation plan, form a constituent part of these Presbyteries as *really* as the pastors or elders, and this Assembly can recognize no Presbytery thus constituted as belonging to the Presbyterian Church.

5. The Assembly has extended the operation of this principle to other Synods which they find similarly constituted. But even if they did not, this injures not the Synod of the Western Reserve.

6. "Once admit that regularly-appointed Commissioners may be excluded," etc. This is assuming what we deny. Many of those who voted for these Commissioners, and for aught we know a majority, were neither bishops nor ruling elders in the Presbyterian Church, and therefore had no right to vote for those Commissioners.

The constitution says, expressly, it (the General Assembly) shall represent in one body *all the particular churches of this denomination;* but these Commissioners were voted for by the delegates of churches of *another denomination;* therefore they represent churches of another denomination. According to their own showing, there is one Presbytery with only one Presbyterian church, another with two, and in the whole Synod, containing one hundred and thirty-nine churches, there are only twenty-five, or at most thirty, Presbyterian churches, and one hundred and nine Congregational churches or churches of a mixed character. It cannot, therefore, be a Presbyterian body where more than three-fourths of the churches are *not* Presbyterian. It is perfectly manifest that in a body thus constituted it would often occur that the Commissioners elected would be chosen by those who had no right to vote, and so they would be the representatives not of the Presbyterian but of the Congregational denomination.

We would observe, in reference to the conclusion of the Protest, that the members of the Synod of the Western Reserve and their friends occupied a larger space in the discussion than the majority of the Assembly, and the "previous question" was not called for until it was manifest that the minds of members were made up. As the Assembly has already made provision for the organization into Presbyteries and annexation to this body of all the ministers and churches who are thoroughly Presbyterian, it is not necessary to reply to the closing remarks of the Protest.

The Committee on Overture No. 7, viz.: the overture from the Presbytery of Salem on the subject of foreign missions, made a report, which was accepted, and adopted, by yeas and nays, as follows, viz.:

1. *Resolved*, That the General Assembly will superintend and conduct, by its own proper authority, the work of foreign missions of the Presbyterian Church by a Board appointed for that purpose and directly amenable to said Assembly.

2. The General Assembly shall, at its present meeting, choose forty ministers and forty laymen as members of the Board of Foreign Missions, one-fourth part of whom shall go out annually in alphabetical order; and thereafter ten ministers and ten laymen shall be annually elected as members of the Board of Foreign Missions, whose term of office shall be four years; and these forty ministers and forty laymen, so appointed, shall constitute a Board to be styled "The Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America," to which, for the time being, shall be entrusted, with such directions and instructions as may from time to time be given by the General Assembly, the superintendence of the foreign missionary operations of the Presbyterian Church. This Board shall make annually to the General Assembly a report of their proceedings, and submit for its approval such plans and measures as may be deemed useful and necessary.

3. The Board of Directors shall hold their first meeting at such time and place as may be directed by the present General Assembly, and shall hold a meeting annually at some convenient time during the sessions of the General Assembly, at which it shall appoint a President, Vice-President, a Corresponding Secretary, a Treasurer, and an Executive Committee, to serve for the ensuing year. It shall belong to the Board of Directors to review and decide upon all the doings of the Executive Committee, to receive and dispose of their annual report, and to present a statement of their proceedings to the General Assembly. It shall be their duty, also, to meet for the transaction of business as often as may be expedient, due notice of every special meeting being seasonably given to every member of the Board.

4. To the Executive Committee, consisting of not more than nine members besides the Corresponding Secretary and the Treasurer, shall belong the duty of appointing all missionaries and agents; of designating their fields of labor; receiving the reports of the Corresponding Secretary, and giving him needful directions in reference to all matters of business and correspondence entrusted to him; to authorize all appropriations and expenditures of money; and to take the particular direction and management of the foreign missionary work, subject to the revision and control of the Board of Directors. The Executive Committee shall meet at least once a month, and oftener if necessary; five members, meeting at the time and place of adjournment or special call, shall constitute a quorum. The committee shall have power to fill their own vacancies, if any occur, during the recess of the Board of Directors.

5. All property, houses, lands, tenements, and permanent funds belonging to the said Board of Foreign Missions shall be taken in the name of the Trustees of the General Assembly, and held in trust by them for the use and benefit of "The Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America," for the time being.

6. The seat of operations of the Board of Directors shall be designated by the Board.

7. The Board of Directors shall have power, and they are hereby authorized, to receive a transfer of the foreign missionary societies, or either of them, now existing in the Presbyterian Church, with all the missions and funds under the care of and belonging to such societies.

YEAS—Messrs. Platt, Leggett, R. I. Crawford, J. R. Johnston, Frame, Goldsmith, Potts, Lenox, Burnet, B. M'Dowell, Blauvelt, A. Alexander, William Wilson, Yeomans, Woodhull, Junkin, Lowe, John Wilson, Dorrance, Green, Latta, Symington, Cuyler, Darrach, Penny, Hamilton, Hickson, M. B. Patterson, M'Keehan, Creigh, Williamson, Long, J. H. Grier, Hughes, Cook, Annan, Ewing, Hervey, Slagle, Baird, Gladden, J. W. Johnston, Lowrie, Mitchel, Hannah, Stratton, Adair, Tait, M'Crackin, Van Deman, W. Patterson, S. Wilson, R. Miller, Beer, M'Combs, Torrance, Turner, Crane, Osborn, J. Coe, Marquis, H. Patten, M. S. Smith, Blythe, Marshall, M'Kennan, Stafford, W. K. Stewart, Hopkins, C. S. Todd, C. Stuart, Irwin, Hendren, Moore, Morrison, J. Alexander, Fitzgerald, Baxter, Hart, Plumer, Caruthers, M'Queen, Potter, Pharr, Andrews, Watts, D. Brown, Galbraith, Sloss, Leatch, Hodge, Ross, Simpson, Thornwell, J. Witherspoon, Coit, Leland, Pratt, J. M'Dowell, Goulding, T. S. Witherspoon, Morgan, D. Johnson, Van Court, Brotherton, Banks, J. Smylie, N. Smylie—108.

NAYS—Messrs. Southworth, Beman, Porter, Cone, Peters, N. E. Johnson, Cheever, Seymour, Woodruff, A. Miller, Jessup, A. White, Duffield, Hall, Gilbert, Faris, Cleaveland, R. Stewart, Reed, E. Cutter, Dickinson, Bushnell, Ayres, Clark, Leonard, Gould, Graves, Mines, T. Brown—29.

Mr. Plumer offered the following resolutions, which were adopted, viz.:

1. *Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to nominate Directors for the Board of Foreign Missions.

2. *Resolved*, That the Board of Foreign Missions be directed to hold their first meeting in the First Presbyterian Church in the city of Baltimore, on Tuesday, the 31st of October next, at 3 o'clock P. M.

3. *Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to prepare a pastoral letter to the churches under our care relative to the present posture of the Presbyterian Church and our duty under our present trials.

4. *Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to prepare a circular letter to the churches of Jesus Christ throughout the earth, explanatory of the course of this Assembly, and assuring them of our best wishes for their highest interests.

Mr. Plumer also offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to prepare a letter to be addressed to all churches which have been formed on the "Plan of Union," and which are not now either purely Presbyterian or Congregational, advising them to adopt, on or before the first day of April, 1838, such action as their wisdom and preferences may dictate for organizing and connecting themselves with the Presbyteries in due constitutional form, or to organize themselves on Congregational principles: and where the majority in any church shall determine in a particular way, it is the opinion of this Assembly that whenever the minority have no serious conscientious difficulties they ought not to divide the congregation, but unite with their brethren of the majority in maintaining in vigor and unity the ordinances of the gospel.

After debate, the previous question was demanded, and having been decided in the affirmative, the resolution was adopted.

Dr. Blythe offered a resolution, which was amended and adopted, and is as follows, viz.:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire whether the expense of collecting the benefactions of the Church for the promotion of the great missionary cause cannot be lessened; also, whether means may not be devised for increasing those benefactions; also, to inquire whether a larger proportion of laymen might not be wisely and beneficially employed as agents in the benevolent efforts of the age; and that this committee report to the next General Assembly.

Dr. Junkin, from the committee to answer the Protest against the abrogation of the Plan of Union, made a report, recommending that the Protest be entered on the minutes, accompanied with the Answer. The report was read, accepted, and adopted, and the Protest and Answer were ordered to be entered on the minutes, and are as follows, viz.:

PROTEST.

The undersigned, members of the General Assembly, respectfully present the following Protest against the resolution of said Assembly adopted on the 23d ult. *abrogating* the act of the General Assembly of 1801, entitled "a Plan of Union," etc., and for the following reasons, viz.:

1. Because the said act is declared in the resolution complained of to have been *unconstitutional*. The utmost that can be said on this subject is that it is an act neither specifically provided for nor prohibited in the constitution. It cannot, therefore, be affirmed to be *contrary* to the constitution.

The constitution provides that before any constitutional rules proposed by the General Assembly to be established shall be obligatory on all the churches the approval of them by a majority of Presbyteries must be first obtained (Form of Government, ch. xii. sect. 6). The act of the Assembly adopting the

Plan of Union, it is admitted, was not previously transmitted to the Presbyteries for their approval. It does not therefore follow, however, that that act was unconstitutional, because the provisions of the Plan of Union were neither in fact nor ever regarded by any of the Presbyteries as "constitutional *rules*" "to be obligatory on *all* the churches." They were the mere terms of an agreement or treaty between the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church and the General Association of Connecticut, and through that Association with all the churches which have been formed according to the terms of that treaty.

In the act of the Assembly adopting *that Plan of Union* the General Assembly, being constitutionally "the bond of *union*, peace, correspondence, and mutual confidence among all our churches" (Form of Government, ch. xii. sect. 4), merely exercised its legitimate functions, agreeably to the constitution (Form of Government, ch. i. sect. 2), in declaring "the terms of admission into the *communion*" of the Presbyterian Church proper to be required on the frontier settlements. And in this light the entire Presbyterian Church has so regarded this Plan of Union from its adoption up to the present time, when the abrogation of it is publicly declared by the advocates of the measure to be *necessary* for the acquisition and perpetuation of power to accomplish the ends avowed and sought by the minority of the last General Assembly, and prosecuted by means of a convention called at their instance and holding its sessions contemporaneously with those of the Assembly. For the following facts are undeniable, viz.: 1st, That the Plan of Union now declared to be unconstitutional was formed TWENTY YEARS *before* the adoption of the present constitution of the Presbyterian Church; 2d, That this Plan at the time of the adoption of the constitution was in full and efficient operation, and of acknowledged authority as common law in the Church; 3d, That it had been recognized and respected in numerous precedents in the doings of the General Assembly from year to year; and 4th, That for SIXTEEN YEARS since the adoption of this constitution it has been regarded of equal authority with any act whatever to which the General Assembly is constitutionally competent.

Had the Plan of Union, and the act of the General Assembly adopting it, been regarded unconstitutional and null, as being either an assumption of power not granted or a trespass on the rights of Presbyteries, some remonstrance or objection to the imposition of constitutional rules for the government of all the churches not legitimately enacted would have been heard from some quarter before the lapse of one-third of a century. Had the Plan of Union been thought illegal, or had it been designed or desired by the Presbyteries in 1821, when the constitution was revised, amended, and adopted by them a second time, to frustrate or resist the operation of this Plan, unquestionably either the revised and amended constitution would have had embodied in it some provision against it, or some attempt at least would have been made to that effect. The truth is, that the Plan of Union adopted by the General Assembly was felt to be morally binding as a solemn agreement or treaty duly ratified by the power constitutionally competent to do so, and by no means the enactment of constitutional rules to be "obligatory on all the churches" for their government.

It is to no purpose, in our opinion, to allege the unconstitutionality of the Plan of Union by pleading that for a church to be regarded as a Presbyterian church it must, according to our constitution, be organized with ruling elders, while that Plan provides for the organization of churches in certain cases without such officers; because the Plan of Union designedly contemplates a process which the Assembly was constitutionally competent to prescribe, and which the entire Church had approved, by which churches on the

frontier settlements may be organized partially at first on the Presbyterian ground, and be gradually brought fully on to it; and because, if the provisions of the constitution prescribing the full form of organization proper for a Presbyterian church must in every case be minutely and completely observed, and any deviation from it should vitiate the organization, then must those numerous churches among us in which there are no deacons be for the same reason pronounced unconstitutional.

The attempt, too, to prove the unconstitutionality of the act of the Assembly adopting the Plan of Union by attributing to the provisions of that Plan the character of constitutional rules obligatory on *all* the churches, and by objecting that the Presbyteries had not been previously consulted, strikes as directly and is as conclusive against the plans adopted for the organization and government of the Theological Seminaries at Princeton and Allegheny, of the Boards of Education and of Missions, and for the union and perpetuated existence of the Presbyteries belonging to the General Synod of the Associate Reformed Church, who were admitted into communion with the Presbyterian Church by the terms of a Plan of Union agreed upon between that Synod and the General Assembly; for the provisions of these plans have never been transmitted to the Presbyteries for their approval. If, therefore, the Plan of Union with the General Association of Connecticut is to be abrogated because of alleged unconstitutionality on these grounds, so must be the rules and regulations and the whole organization and government of the Theological Seminaries of the General Assembly, and also the act of the Assembly by which the Presbyteries of the Associate Reformed Synod were united with the Presbyterian Church of these United States, and by which the General Assembly became possessed of the valuable theological library known as the Mason Library, now in Princeton, and formerly belonging to the Associate Reformed Synod.

2. We protest against the resolution referred to, because the Plan of Union adopted by the General Assembly of 1801 was designed *to suppress and prevent schismatical contentions and for the promotion of charity*, or, in the language of the Plan itself, "with a view to prevent alienation and promote union and harmony," which through a long series of years it has been efficient in doing, and has proved both itself efficacious to do and the wisdom of the Assembly in its projection and adoption; both which ends the General Assembly is constitutionally competent to design, and for which it is invested with ample authority by the constitution (Form of Government, ch. xii. sect. 5), and held responsible by the great Head of the Church.

3. We protest against the resolution referred to because it declares the said "Plan of Union" to have been "totally destitute of authority as proceeding from the General Association of Connecticut, which is invested with no power to legislate in such cases." Even on the assumption that the said Association was invested with no *such* power—which, it seems to us, both indecorous and irrelevant for this General Assembly to assert as a reason for the resolution adopted—we cannot doubt that that Association had full power to agree to the stipulations of a treaty or contract proposed by the General Assembly and urged on the acceptance of the General Association; and especially when it is considered that by acceding to the said stipulations the said Association relinquished whatever right it had to the direction and regulation of the members of its own churches in the new settlements, and allowed and influenced them to increase both the numbers and the pecuniary and spiritual strength of the Presbyterian Church, And even if the plan referred to had not authority in so far as it emanated from the General Association of Connecticut—which we by no means admit—it was unquestionably binding on the General Assembly, by virtue of its own engagement, to fulfill

its own obligations, and after numerous churches had been formed under their own care the obligations of the Plan appear to us to have been common to the General Assembly, the General Association of Connecticut, and the churches, Presbyteries, and Synods formed in pursuance and in the faith of it, and that no one of these bodies could lawfully abrogate it without the consent of all the others. Our opinion, therefore, is that the resolution of this General Assembly abrogating the said Plan of Union, so far as it was intended to affect churches already formed under its provisions, is a breach of faith, and wholly void and of no effect; that all such churches have a right to continue their organization on the conditions of the said Plan; and that it is the duty of the Presbyteries, the Synods, and all future General Assemblies to protect them in that right until they shall voluntarily, under the kind and conciliatory influence of the aforesaid bodies, adopt the Presbyterian organization in full, as many of them have already done, and others, we are happy to learn, will probably soon do if allowed to exercise their choice unrestrained by the attempted exercise of assumed authority.

4. We protest against the said resolution because it denominates the Plan of Union *unnatural*, as well as unconstitutional, and attributes to it much confusion and irregularity; whereas, it appears to us to have been a most natural, wise, and benevolent plan for promoting the unity, increase, and purity of the Church in our new settlements, and that its operation for thirty-six years, with but such occasional irregularities as may occur under any system of government, has, on the whole, been productive of benign and happy effects; in view of which this General Assembly and the whole Church ought to cherish sincere and devout gratitude to God.

5. We protest against the said resolution because the mode in which it was brought before the Assembly appears to us to have been exceedingly exceptionable, it having been in substance proposed in the memorial of a convention of whose alleged cause and object, and of most of whose declarations, because unaccompanied with satisfactory proof, we wholly disapprove, and which memorial, as coming from such a body, we think this Assembly ought not to have received and entertained, especially when it was found to contain representations of the state of the Church in our opinion not justified by fact and of very injurious tendency. Another objection to the mode in which the said resolution was brought before the Assembly is, that a majority of the committee to whom the memorial was referred, and who reported the resolution against which we protest, were members of the convention presenting the memorial.

6. We protest because, against the earnest remonstrances of many who are best acquainted with the happy effects of the Plan of Union, the debate on the subject was arrested by an impatient call for the previous question, more than *eighty* of the members voting for it having been members of the convention in whose name the said memorial was presented. The Assembly was thus forced to a decision without any proper evidence of the existence of the alleged irregularities, and before the subject of errors in doctrine had been discussed in the Assembly, notwithstanding the memorialists had declared that they "complain and testify" against said Plan of Union "chiefly because of their sincere belief that the doctrinal purity of our ancient Confession of Faith is endangered, and not because of any preference for a particular system of mere church government and discipline."

For these reasons the undersigned enter this their solemn Protest.

Philadelphia, June 1st, 1837.

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John B. Richardson, James B. Shaw, Washington Thatcher, Thomas Brown, Thomas Lounsbury, Nahum Gould, Abner Hollister, Ephraim Cutler, William Fuller, Gardner Hayden, Robert Stuart, Silas West, Marcus Smith, John L. Grant, John Gridley, Nathaniel C. Clark, Varnum Noyes, Dudley Williams, George Spalding, John Seward, Edwin Holt, Alanson Saunders, Jonathan Cone, J. M. Rowland, J. W. M'Cullough, Dewey Whitney, H. S. Walbridge, Horace Hunt, Samuel Reed, Rufus Nutting, Zina Whittlesey, James R. Gibson, Bennet Roberts, Joseph H. Breck, Enoch Kingsbury, James Boyd, Eldad Barber, David Schenck, Ira Pettibone, Lewis H. Loss, Jonathan Hovey, J. B. Preston, Ambrose White, Wilfred Hall, John S. Martin, George Painter, Benjamin Woodbury, Burr Bradley, Ira M. Wead, P. W. Warriner, T. D. Southworth, Adam Miller, Jacob Faris, Alexander Campbell, N. S. S. Beman, H. H. Hayes, Henry Brewster, N. E. Johnson, Solomon Stevens, Daniel Sayre, William C. Wisner, Isaac J. Rice, Felix Tracy, Bliss Burnap, E. Cheever, E. Seymour, Obadiah Woodruff, Frederick W. Graves, James I. Ostrom, Philip C. Hay, Jacob Gideon, David B. Ayres, S. W. May, Ammi Doubleday, Robert Aikman, William Roy, Thomas M'Auley, John Leonard, Calvin Cutler, Merit Harmon, F. A. M'Corkle, James W. Phillips, George E. Delavan, James A. Carnahan, Obadiah N. Bush, John M'Sween, George Duffield, S. Benjamin, John Crawford, Fayette Shipherd, Thomas Williams, R. Campbell.

ANSWER.

The committee to whom that subject was referred beg leave to present the following answer to the Protest against the resolution abrogating "the Plan of Union," and request that both be placed on your minutes. The reasons of Protest are numbered from 1 to 6. No. 1 is the principal, and therefore we prefer leaving it to the last, and commencing with No. 2. "We protest," say the minority, "against the resolution referred to, because the Plan of Union adopted by the General Assembly of 1801 was designed *to suppress and prevent schismatical contentions, and for the promotion of charity*, or, in the language of the Plan itself, 'with a view to prevent alienation and promote union and harmony.'"

To this a sufficient answer is found in the broad and undeniable fact that "the Plan of Union" has been a principal means of dividing the Church and this General Assembly into two parties, and been the main source of those schisms which for many years have distracted our Zion. Whilst it is admitted that in some instances it may have beneficially affected certain localities, it has laid the deep foundation of lasting confusion and opened wide the flood-gates of error and fanaticism. For proof of this we have only to refer to the recorded votes of the last and the present General Assemblies, from which it abundantly appears that the representatives of churches formed on this Plan have always opposed the Boards of Education and of Missions and the efforts toward reform and the suppression of errors and of schismatical contentions.

No. 3. "Because it declares the said 'Plan of Union' to have been totally destitute of authority as proceeding from the General Association of Connecticut, which is invested with no power to legislate in such cases."

In reply to this let it be remarked, 1st, that the protesters seeming to admit that the General Association of Connecticut had no power and authority to bind their churches, yet insist that the General Assembly could make a treaty or covenant that should be binding on the other side; and the breth-

ren, in arguing the case, did insist on the "Plan" being of the nature of a covenant (although no such term is contained in it), and yet one of the parties to this covenant had no authority to make a contract and to make it obligatory on their churches. That is, a contract, treaty, or covenant can exist and be and continue for ever, binding in right and in law upon one party, whilst the other party, having no power or authority to bind themselves and those for whom they plead its benefits, never could be bound. That is, a treaty or covenant may exist without a mutual obligation!

2dly. The protesters, without distinctly affirming it again, seem willing that the reader of their Protest should believe that the General Association of Connecticut had power to bind their churches—that their acts participate of the nature of ecclesiastical authority. "By acceding to the said stipulations" (say they) "the said Association relinquished whatever right it had to the direction and regulation of the members of its own churches in the new settlements." Now, these remonstrants know perfectly well that the General Association of Connecticut never had, never claimed, and never exercised any right at all "to the direction and regulation of the members of its own churches," even in Connecticut itself, much less "in the new settlements." The "right" of counsel and advice is the utmost stretch of their power and authority. And this General Assembly might give counsel and advice to the churches of Connecticut, and should it be founded in truth it is just as binding upon those churches as the counsels of their own General Association—*i. e.* it comes *divested* entirely of all ecclesiastical *authority*.

3dly. The resolution of abrogation is alleged to be "a breach of faith and wholly void and of no effect." This is begging the question: it goes on the *assumption* that faith was plighted of right, and the treaty, so called, lawfully constituted; which we have supposed to be the very point in question.

No. 4. "Because it denominates the Plan of Union *unnatural* as well as unconstitutional, and attributes to it much confusion and irregularity." A sufficient answer to this is found in the preceding; to which may be added a single remark as to irregularity—viz. that upon inquiry of brethren who came in upon this "Plan" it appeared from their own showing, to the abundant conviction of this General Assembly, that there were some members on this floor, deliberating and voting on the very resolutions in question, who had never adopted the Confession of Faith of this Church.

No. 5. The fifth reason of Protest is, that the resolution was concocted and brought before the Assembly by members of this body who had previously consulted in the form of a convention, and memorialized this body on the subject, and that a majority of the committee to whom the memorial was referred were members of the convention.

As to the former, let it suffice to say that it is the right of every freeman and the duty of every Christian, before entering upon any great and important measure, to "ponder the path of his feet," because "in the multitude of counselors there is safety." How the name "convention," any more than the name "caucus," should utterly vitiate their counsel it may be difficult to discern.

As to the latter, it may be remarked that in all deliberative bodies the principle is settled that large committees ought to be selected in proportion to the respective party views that may be entertained on the subject committed. The wisdom of the rule is obvious to common sense, and the Moderator of this Assembly simply carried out the rule in this case.

No. 6. The sixth reason of Protest is, "because the debate on the subject was arrested by an impatient call for the previous question. The Assembly was thus forced to a decision without any proper evidence of the existence

of the alleged irregularities, and before the subject of errors in doctrine had been decided on in the Assembly."

Here remark, *first*, the call for the previous question was not *impatient*—it was asked for and seconded by a majority of the House, not in the spirit of violence and unjust oppression of the minority; nor, *secondly*, there was no unreasonable curtailment of debate. The resolution was discussed two whole days—a period of time perhaps more extended than was ever before allotted or allowed by any General Assembly to any single naked resolution. And, *thirdly*, the brethren of the minority occupied the floor more than one-half of the time. And on another resolution, where the discussion was arrested by the previous question, it was just at the close of two long speeches by the minority, and after they had consumed more than five hours in debate; whereas, the majority had not occupied the floor two hours and a half. So utterly groundless is the insinuation that a cruel and unjust use has been made of the previous question.

"The Assembly was thus forced," say the protesters—"the Assembly was forced"! "Forced" by whom? Undoubtedly, by itself—"forced" to do just as it wished to do—"forced" to decide by a strong vote on a subject which had been discussed two whole days! Strange coercion this!

But, *fourthly*, the resolution in question was passed before the doctrinal errors were condemned. This is true. But it is also true that "the Assembly was thus forced," by the opposition of the minority, to pass by the doctrinal discussion, because they could not have it in the order recommended by their committee. Certain alleged errors were offered by the minority, which they refused to have put in their proper place, but insisted on having, first of all, a decision upon them as amendments; which attempt, had it been successful, would have precluded their discussion except upon a vote of reconsideration, which requires two-thirds; and thus the majority would have been completely, as to these alleged errors, in the power of the minority. Hence they were laid on the table, to be taken up at a future time. We now proceed to

No. 1. The principal reason of Protest is in these words, viz.: "Because the said act is declared, in the resolution complained of, to have been *unconstitutional*."

In opposition to the resolution declaring the Plan of Union unconstitutional it would appear most reasonable that the protesters should affirm its constitutionality—*i. e.* that the constitution covers and provides for it. This ground, however, the protesters have not ventured to take. On the contrary, they explicitly admit that the constitution makes no provision for said act; "it is," said they, "neither specifically provided for nor prohibited in the constitution."

A remark or two will show that in this they have abandoned the ground. For, 1. The constitution of the Presbyterian Church, like that of our national Union, is a constitution of specific powers, granted by the Presbyteries, the fountains of power, to the Synods and the General Assembly. 2. No powers not specifically granted can lawfully be inferred and assumed by the General Assembly, but only such as are indispensably necessary to carry into effect those which are specifically granted. 3. Therefore the burden of proof lies upon those who affirm that the Assembly had power to enact this "Plan of Union." They admit that there is no specific grant of such power; they are bound, then, to prove that its exercise was indispensably necessary in order to carry out some other power specifically granted. Now, we search in vain for any such proof in the Protest. There is, we believe, but a single effort of the kind. This effort is made in view of two distinct and distant clauses in our book (Form of Gov., ch. xii. sect. 4): The General Assembly "shall

constitute the bond of union, peace, correspondence, and mutual confidence among all our churches." But surely here is no power granted to constitute a bond of union with churches of another denomination. It has exclusive reference to "all our churches," and yet the protesters refer to this as authority for forming a union with a denomination not holding the same form of government.

An equally unsuccessful attempt is made upon ch. i. sect. 2, where the book affirms that "any Christian church, or union or association of churches, is entitled to declare the terms of admission into its *communion*." And the protesters assert here that the General Assembly exercised this power in forming "the Plan of Union," and so declared "the terms of admission into the *communion* of the Presbyterian Church proper to be required in the frontier settlements."

On this statement two remarks seem requisite: *first*, the settling of the terms of communion, we had thought, was the highest act of power—an act beyond the reach of the General Assembly itself—an act which, the constitution itself provides, shall be done only by a majority of the Presbyteries. When, we ask, did the Presbyterian Church "declare the terms of admission into its *communion*"? Most assuredly, when the constitution was adopted. And yet the protesters in this case aver that "the Plan of Union" is a declaration of the terms of admission into our communion! Could they affirm more directly its unconstitutionality?

The other remark is, that the Plan of Union itself does not prescribe the terms of admission into the communion of the Presbyterian Church. It prescribes the manner in which Congregationalists may remain out of this Church and yet exercise a controlling and governing influence over its ecclesiastical judicatories.

In the entire absence of all proof that the power exercised in forming the Plan of Union was indispensably necessary to carry out a power specifically granted, and in the face of their own admission that such power is not specifically given to the General Assembly, we conclude that the act in question was without any authority and must be null and void.

The next thing worthy of notice is the criticism on the phrases "constitutional rules" and "obligatory on all the churches." This Plan of Union, it is argued, is not of the nature of constitutional rules obligatory on all the churches, and therefore it was not necessary that it should have been sent down and have received the sanction of a majority of the Presbyteries. In presenting this argument the protesters admit that if the Plan did embrace constitutional rules, the Assembly had no power to enact it. The book (Form of Gov., ch. xii. sect. 6) declares: "Before any overtures or regulations proposed by the Assembly to be established as constitutional rules shall be obligatory on the churches it shall be necessary to transmit them to all the Presbyteries, and to receive the returns of at least a majority of them in writing, approving thereof."

This was not done with the Plan, and the only question before us is, whether it is an alteration of the constitution. This Assembly affirms that it is a radical and thorough change of the entire system. On which remark—

1. Our book describes four church courts, viz.: the church Session, the Presbytery, the Synod, and the General Assembly. And (ch. ix.) it defines "the church Session to consist of the pastor or pastors and ruling elders of a particular congregation," and entrusts to these, as permanent officers, the government of that church. But the Plan of Union provides for no such thing. It expressly dispenses with the church Session, and leaves the government in the hands of the people or of a temporary committee.

Again, ch. x. sect. 2: "A Presbytery consists of all the ministers and one

ruling elder from each congregation within a certain district." But the Plan of Union abrogates this provision. It does not merely pass it by, but absolutely repeals and nullifies it. According to the Plan, a Presbytery may have committee-men less or more in it, and may have not a single elder. The book further states that "Every congregation (*i. e.* of Presbyterians, as before described) which has a stated pastor has a right to be represented by one elder; and every collegiate church (*i. e.* a church with two or more ministers) by two or more elders, in proportion to the number of pastors." Here it is perfectly obvious that the principle of equal representation in Presbytery is aimed at. The same is true of a Synod, chapter xi.: "The ratio of the representation of elders in the Synod is the same as in the Presbytery." That is, every congregation, governed by its own Session, shall be represented in Presbytery and Synod. But the Plan provides for Congregational committee-men sitting and acting and voting in Presbytery, although it also provides that the congregation they represent shall not be under the government of the Presbytery, and no appeal can be taken from it to the Presbytery, even by a minister, unless the church agree to it. Thus the power of government is in the hands of men over whom that government does not extend. It is surely not necessary to proceed farther to show that the Plan is an abrogation of the fundamental principles of the Presbyterian system. And yet the protesters say it does not contain constitutional rules. No, verily, but it is a mass of unconstitutional usurpations resulting from an overstretch of power. By the criticism of the Protest it is denied that the Plan contains constitutional rules; whereas, in the first sentence of the instrument itself it is called "a plan of government for the churches in the new settlements." And the second sentence runs thus: "Regulations adopted by the General Assembly, etc." Now, if *regulations* are not rules, language has lost its meaning, and if *regulations* containing "a plan of government for the churches" are not intended to be binding, and do not touch the constitution, we are utterly at loss to see how rules and regulations could be expressed. The article in question has been called "a Plan of Union," "a contract," "a covenant," none of which phrases is found in the document itself. It declares itself to be "regulations" containing "a plan of government for the churches." Now, the General Assembly never had the power to establish "regulations" and a new "plan of government;" the Plan is therefore null and void.

But, we are told, these governmental regulations were not binding on *all the churches*. Were they not, indeed? Have they not given rise to heterogeneous bodies who have come up here and bound us almost to our undoing? Have they not bound with green withes and new cords this body and its Boards of Education and Missions? Have they not wellnigh shorn us of the locks of our strength, and forbidden us to go forth into the field of missionary conflict against the foes of our God and King? Surely these protesters will not say the regulations are not binding upon all the churches.

But, again, we are told in the Protest, they are of long standing and have acquired the force of common law. Does long use constitute law? Then it would follow that concubinage and polygamy exist of moral right.

Again, we are told that this "plan of government" was in existence twenty years prior to the last adoption of our constitution, and the inference is that therefore it is binding and was viewed as a contract to be kept in good faith. The fair inferences, however, from the fact ought to be that this "plan of government" was not submitted to our Presbyteries by the General Assembly, and is therefore not binding, and that this neglect was owing to the circumstance that it was then little known and its evils were not all developed.

Again, we are told in the Protest, in reference to this new "plan of government," that its omission of elders, being expressly provided for and designed, does not "vitiate the organization, for then must those numerous churches among us in which there are no deacons be for the same reason pronounced unconstitutional." And we are free to confess that if the constitution made the deacon a ruling officer in the church, he must be found in our ecclesiastical courts, and his absence would nullify their constitutional existence. This, however, is not the case. The deacon's office in the New Testament and in our book is limited to "serving tables." The argument therefore is lame, and shows its Eastern birth.

Again, the Protest affirms that the argument against this "plan of government for the churches," because it was not submitted to the Presbyteries, strikes equally against the Theological Seminaries, the Boards of Education and of Missions, and also against the admission of the Presbyteries of the Associate Reformed Synod into this Church.

Let us touch these in their order; and first, the Theological Seminaries. Here, again, if our protesters can show that these seminaries are, in the language of our book, "constitutional rules obligatory on the churches," or, even, in the language of their favorite plan, "regulations" and "a plan of government for the churches in the new settlements," we will give up the argument and Princeton and the Western Seminaries and all. But if, as every one knows, the constitutions and regulations of these seminaries have nothing to do with the government of the churches, any more than the private regulations of a private clergyman for his private class of students, then is this argument null and void from the beginning. As to the power in the Assembly to organize a seminary, it may be found in the book (Form of Gov., ch. xii. sect. 5) under the general power "of superintending the concerns of the whole Church," none of which concerns is of more vital importance than that of providing an efficient ministry; also to them belongs the power of "promoting charity, truth, and holiness through all the churches under their care." Now, the training of a pious and orthodox ministry is the most effectual mode of accomplishing this work, and clearly places Theological Seminaries within the Assembly's power.

The same remarks are relevant and true in reference to the Board of Education.

As to the Board of Missions, "the superintending of the concerns of the whole Church" cannot be carried out without missions, and the Form of Government, ch. xviii., expressly provides for them, and grants to the Assembly power over this very business. It reads thus: "The General Assembly may, of their own knowledge, send missions to any part to plant churches or to supply vacancies; and for this purpose may direct any Presbytery to ordain evangelists, or ministers, without relation to any particular churches." How utterly unreasonable, then, for the protesters to deny the Assembly's power to institute a Board of Missions!

As to the Mason Library and the Associate Reformed churches, it may be necessary only to remark that the two Presbyteries of New York and of Philadelphia—the only parts which came into this Presbyterian Church—were from their beginning *Presbyterian*, according to the strictest order, holding the same identical Westminster Confession of Faith and Presbyterian form of church government: it is, therefore, difficult to perceive how the admission, by the General Assembly, of strict and rigid Presbyterians into their connection could be either extra or unconstitutional. The act of their admission did not create "regulations" and "a plan of government for the churches," as did "the Plan" in question: it was not "an overture or regulation for es-

tablishing constitutional rules obligatory on the churches," and therefore its transmission to all the Presbyteries was not necessary.

Finally, the unconstitutionality of the "plan of government for the churches in the new settlements" abrogated by this resolution is further demonstrated by a reference to Form of Government, ch. xii. sect. 1, which says: "The General Assembly is the highest judicatory of the Presbyterian Church. It shall represent, in one body, all the particular churches of this denomination," and subsequently it defines the ratio of representation. Now, it has been proved, on the open floor of this General Assembly, by the protesters themselves, that the Synod of the Western Reserve, which was formed on this "plan of government," and which contains one hundred and thirty-nine particular churches, has only from twenty-four to thirty Presbyterian churches in it; and yet that Synod claims a right to twenty representatives here! Whom do these twenty represent? Certainly not "particular churches of this denomination," as our book says. No, but Congregational churches, which, by the terms of our book and the whole representative spirit of our system, have no right to be represented here and to judge and vote here under a constitution which they deny to be binding upon themselves. With no greater impropriety would unnaturalized foreigners claim the right of franchise in our country and of eligibility to office in our legislatures, our supreme judicial tribunals, and the executive departments of our States and the nation. Besides, it has been shown by themselves here that this "plan of government" has been here violated by those claiming privileges under it, sending men to the Assembly who had never adopted our constitution.

We therefore conclude that the reasonings of the protesters are fallacious; the "plan of government" adopted in 1801 is and ever has been unconstitutional, and therefore this General Assembly ought to declare, as it has done in the resolution protested against, that it is, from the beginning, null and void.

Mr. Murray, from the committee to answer the Protest of the Commissioners from the Synods of Utica, Geneva, and Genesee against the resolutions of this Assembly declaring those Synods to be out of the Presbyterian Church, made a report, recommending that the Protest be entered on the minutes, accompanied with the Answer. The report was accepted, read, and adopted, and the Protest and Answer were ordered to be entered on the minutes, and are as follows, viz.:

PROTEST.

Protest of the Commissioners from the Synods of Utica, Geneva, and Genesee against the act of the General Asssembly of 1837, declaring them no longer constituent parts of the Presbyterian Church.

Whereas, The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, now in session, has declared the Synods of Utica, Geneva, and Genesee no longer constituent parts of the Presbyterian Church; *and, whereas*, The Commissioners from Presbyteries constituting those Synods have been deprived of the right of deliberating and voting in this House; *therefore*,

The undersigned, Commissioners from the Synods of Utica, Geneva, and Genesee, claim their right to enter their Protest and Remonstrance against these acts, for the reasons following, viz.:

1. Because we deem such acts utterly unconstitutional and unprecedented. In our Form of Government (ch. xii. sects. 4 and 5) the powers of the General Assembly are specifically defined, but no authority to exercise such sum-

mary process and excision is there granted. In our Book of Discipline (chs. iv. and v.) the mode of procedure in the trial and punishment of ministers of the gospel is expressly and specifically prescribed, yet no one point of these laws of discipline has been conformed to in the excision and virtual excommunication of four or five hundred ministers in good and regular standing in the Presbyterian Church; no citations have been issued or served; no charges have been specified or preferred, and no opportunity has been afforded for justification or defence.

2. Because, when the regular and constitutional method of trial was proposed to this House, the majority rejected this plan, and proceeded without trial in any form, and, in our judgment, in the face of all the regulations and provisions of our constitution and rules of discipline, to declare the aforesaid Synods to be "out of the ecclesiastical connection of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, and not in form or fact an integral portion of said Church."

3. Because the act of exclusion is professedly based on the previous act of the Assembly purporting to abrogate the "Plan of Union" formed by the Assembly of 1801 with the Connecticut Association, and acted upon for thirty-six years; whereas, in our estimation, that ancient compact could not, in good faith, be abrogated without previous conference with said Association; and even if it could be so abrogated, that abrogation would not destroy or invalidate the institutions established and the rights vested under its operation. Besides, the majority of the churches within the bounds of said Synods are strictly Presbyterian in their structure, and, with few exceptions, even the small number of churches originally Congregational were not organized under the stipulations of the said "Plan of Union," but came in under a different arrangement, and possessed rights on this subject separate from and independent of the "Plan of Union" of 1801, secured to them by the Assembly of 1808, by which the Synod of Albany was authorized to take the "Middle Association" under its care; in virtue of which arrangement Commissioners from said Association were admitted to the floor of the General Assembly up to the period when the Association was dissolved and erected into two Presbyteries regularly organized out of its materials.

4. Because all our Synods and Presbyteries have been regularly and constitutionally formed and recognized, and, *as such*, have no necessary dependence whatever upon the "Plan of Union" or any other plan of accommodation, and, consequently, could not be affected either by the existence or abrogation of such Plan.

5. Because no proof was exhibited on the floor of the Assembly that a single minister in these Synods was irregularly inducted into the office of the ministry, and we know of none such; and in every Presbytery belonging to these Synods there are churches formed on strict Presbyterian principles, and in most of our Presbyteries such churches compose a large majority.

6. Because while the resolution for the exclusion of these Synods was under discussion members were permitted to read and refer to letters and publications containing what we consider unfounded statements, and to utter vague and injurious reports, and when requested refused to give names, places, and dates; and, although the right was insisted upon, not a single Commissioner from any one of the three Synods could obtain the floor to address the Assembly on the resolution, being put down by the motion for the previous question.

7. Because no notice whatever was given to the Synods in question of the intention to sever them from the Presbyterian Church, nor the least opportunity afforded them for vindicating themselves from the vague and informal charges uttered against them on the floor of the General Assembly.

8. Because there has been no definite or authentic evidence whatever, regularly before this Assembly, of the existence within the bounds of the said Synods of those errors in doctrine or those gross irregularities in practice which they are alleged to be guilty of tolerating.

9. Because, in our view, these acts of the Assembly are not only unconstitutional and unwarrantable, but tend to disturb the peace of our churches, to injure our ministerial character and standing, and to impair our usefulness, and thus to retard the progress of truth and righteousness in one of the most populous and important sections of our country.

10. Because, finally, while in the accompanying resolutions it is declared that these acts are not intended to affect our ministerial character or to interfere with the organization and peace of our Synods or Presbyteries, the last resolution in the category directs Presbyteries, ministers, and churches to detach themselves from the bodies with which they are now connected, and apply for admission into the nearest Presbyteries of the Presbyterian Church, thus attempting to exercise authority over bodies already declared not to be constituent portions of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, and to disturb their order and peace.

For these reasons we do hereby enter our solemn Protest and Remonstrance against the proceedings in question.

John W. M'Cullough, George Spalding, S. Benjamin, Philip C. Hay, Thomas Lounsbury, Merit Harmon, Solomon Stevens, Ira Pettibone, John Gridley, J. B. Richardson, Marcus Smith, Horace Hunt, Henry Brewster, Samuel W. May, Fayette Shipherd, Washington Thatcher, J. B. Preston.

ANSWER.

In reply to the Protest of the Commissioners from the Presbytery composing the Synods of Utica, Geneva, and Genesee against the act of this Assembly declaring them no longer a constituent portion of the Presbyterian Church, the Assembly remark—

1. That the above-named Synods became connected with the Presbyterian Church by the Plan of Union of 1801, which Plan the Assembly had no constitutional power to adopt; and was accordingly null and void from the beginning. So it has been declared by this Assembly. And as these Synods became connected with the General Assembly by an unconstitutional Plan of Union, they never have been a constitutional part of it. And this is all the act in reference to them declares.

Nor is there, as the protestants declare, an excommunication of four or five hundred ministers. The act itself asserts the contrary. As there was no judicial process instituted against them, no citations were necessary. Without impeaching the character or standing of the brethren composing these Synods, this Assembly by a legislative act merely declares them, in consequence of the abrogation of the Plan of Union of 1801, no longer a constituent part of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States.

2. When resolutions were before the House for the citation of judicatories to the bar of the next Assembly, charged by common fame with sanctioning errors in doctrine and irregularities in practice, the protestants unanimously opposed them. And now they complain that they were not thus cited.

3. The compact of the Assembly of 1808 with the Synod of Albany in reference to the "Middle Association" is as unconstitutional as the Plan of Union of 1801. And the fact stated by the protestants, that two large Presbyteries were made out of that Middle Association, and that Commissioners

from said Association were admitted to the floor of the Assembly as members, only proves the constitutionality of the act against which they complain. So that their third specification of grievance contains its own answer.

4. The contrary of their fourth specification of grievance is believed and proved to be the fact. The great majority of the churches of these Synods were formerly Congregational, and the great majority of those of them now Presbyterian retain much of their Congregational peculiarities and prejudices. They almost unanimously prefer the institutions of the Church they have abandoned to those of the Church of their adoption. They are in form Presbyterian, but in prejudice and in fact Congregational.

5. As no charge was brought against any minister or ministers that they were irregularly inducted into the office of the ministry, no proof was needed to sustain it. The charge is, not that they were irregularly inducted into the Christian ministry, but that they were unconstitutionally connected with the Presbyterian Church.

6. The papers complained of were official papers published over the signatures of Stated Clerks of Presbyteries and committees of Synods and Associations. The resolutions complained of were thirty-six hours under debate, and more than one-half of the time was occupied by those opposed to their adoption. A brother in midst of an argument yielded the floor that the protestants might make what statements they thought proper. But none were made. The previous question was once withdrawn for the same purpose, and they were yet silent. And yet they complain because no time was given—that they were put down by the previous question!

7. This is founded on the supposition that they were constitutional parts of the Presbyterian Church, and that the act by which they are declared to be no longer a constitutional part of it is not a legislative but a judicial act; both of which suppositions are incorrect.

8. The evidence of great errors in doctrine and gross irregularities in practice, prevailing to an alarming extent within the bounds of said Synods, and if not countenanced certainly unsuppressed by them, is before the Church and the world.

9. This is a mere expression of opinion by the protestants, to which in this free country every man has an undoubted right.

10. In the resolution complained of this Assembly merely tenders its advice to the ministers and churches sincerely Presbyterian, and points them to the constitutional door by which they may speedily return to the Church of their preference and affection.

Dr. Alexander offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the salary of the Stated Clerk be hereafter one hundred dollars per annum, exclusive of the expense of having the minutes transcribed.

Mr. Breckinridge offered the following preamble and resolutions, viz.:

Whereas, It has come to the knowledge of this General Assembly that the persons who were appointed Commissioners to this body from the Presbyteries attached to the Synod of the Western Reserve have served a notice upon the Treasurer of the Trustees of the General Assembly "not to regard any orders drawn nor any resolutions passed by this Assembly since the passage of the act which declared said Synod of the Western Reserve to be no longer in the connection of the body represented in this General Assembly;" *and whereas*, Said notice is no doubt to be considered as the commencement of a series of judicial investigations growing out of the proceedings of this Assembly in reforming the Church during its present sessions;—now, therefore, be it *Resolved*, By the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America,

1. That this Assembly expects of its Trustees full compliance with all its acts as in past times, and relies confidently on their continued fidelity to the Church in the discharge of all the important duties devolving on them.

2. That the Presbyterian Church is morally responsible, and will fully and cheerfully meet that responsibility, to sustain their Trustees in all their acts in consequence of any resolution passed or order given in virtue of such resolution of the present or any other General Assembly, and to hold said Trustees harmless by reason of any loss or damage they may personally sustain thereby.

3. That this Assembly, in virtue of the powers vested in it by the act incorporating its Trustees, do hereby, in writing, direct their Trustees to continue to pay as heretofore, and to have no manner of respect to the notice mentioned above nor to any similar notice that may come to their knowledge. And these resolutions, duly signed and certified, shall be delivered to them on the part of this Assembly.

Mr. Breckinridge read the notice referred to in the resolutions, and after debate, the resolutions were adopted.

The Moderator announced the following committees on the subjects embraced in Mr. Plumer's resolutions adopted this morning, viz.:

To nominate Directors for the Board of Foreign Missions, Messrs. Yeomans, Morrison, and Hamilton.

To write the pastoral letter to the churches under our care, Drs. Alexander, Baxter, and Leland.

To write the letter to be addressed to all other churches, Messrs. Breckinridge, Latta, and Plumer.

To write the letter to be addressed to churches formed on the accommodation plan, Mr. Baird, Dr. Witherspoon, and Mr. Goldsmith.

Adjourned till this afternoon at half-past 3 o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

Wednesday afternoon, half-past 3 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The Moderator announced the following committee on the subject of Dr. Blythe's resolution, adopted this morning, viz.:

On benevolent operations, Messrs. Breckinridge, Blythe, Pratt, A. White, and Lenox.

The Assembly took up the unfinished business of May 24th, viz.: the motion indefinitely to postpone Mr. Mines's motion to amend that part of the report of the committee on Overture No. 1 which relates to doctrinal errors.

The previous question was demanded, and decided in the affirmative; and the motion to postpone, together with Mr. Mines's motion to amend, being cut off by the operation of the previous question, the Assembly adopted that part of the report of the committee on the memorial which relates to doctrinal errors, by yeas and nays, as follows, viz.:

As one of the principal objects of the memorialists is to point out certain errors more or less prevalent in our Church, and to bear testimony against them, your committee are of opinion that as one great object of the institution of the Church was to be a depository and guardian of the truth, and as, by the constitution of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, it is made the duty of the General Assembly to testify against error; therefore, *Resolved*, That the testimony of the memorialists concerning doctrine be adopted as the testimony of this General Assembly (with a few verbal alterations), which is as follows:

1. That God would have prevented the existence of sin in our world, but was not able without destroying the moral agency of man; or that, for aught that appears in the Bible to the contrary, sin is incidental to any wise moral system.

2. That election to eternal life is founded on a foresight of faith and obedience.

3. That we have no more to do with the first sin of Adam than with the sins of any other parent.

4. That infants come into the world as free from moral defilement as was Adam when he was created.

5. That infants sustain the same relation to the moral government of God in this world as brute animals, and that their sufferings and death are to be accounted for on the same principles as those of brutes, and not by any means to be considered as penal.

6. That there is no other original sin than the fact that all the posterity of Adam, though by nature innocent or possessed of no moral character, will always begin to sin when they begin to exercise moral agency; that original sin does not include a sinful bias of the human mind and a just exposure to penal suffering; and that there is no evidence in Scripture that infants, in order to salvation, do need redemption by the blood of Christ and regeneration by the Holy Ghost.

7. That the doctrine of imputation, whether of the guilt of Adam's sin or of the righteousness of Christ, has no foundation in the word of God, and is both unjust and absurd.

8. That the sufferings and death of Christ were not truly vicarious and penal, but symbolical, governmental, and instructive only.

9. That the impenitent sinner is by nature, and independently of the renewing influence or almighty energy of the Holy Spirit, in full possession of all the ability necessary to a full compliance with all the commands of God.

10. That Christ does not intercede for the elect until after their regeneration.

11. That saving faith is not an effect of the special operation of the Holy Spirit, but a mere rational belief of the truth or assent to the word of God.

12. That regeneration is the act of the sinner himself, and that it consists in a change of his governing purpose, which he himself must produce, and which is the result, not of any direct influence of the Holy Spirit on the heart, but chiefly of a persuasive exhibition of the truth, analogous to the influence which one man exerts over the mind of another; or that regeneration is not an instantaneous act, but a progressive work.

13. That God has done all that *he can do* for the salvation of all men, and that man himself must do the rest.

14. That God cannot exert such influence on the minds of men as shall make it certain that they will choose and act in a particular manner without impairing their moral agency.

15. That the righteousness of Christ is not the sole ground of the sinner's acceptance with God; and that in no sense does the righteousness of Christ become ours.

16. That the reason why some differ from others in regard to their reception of the gospel is that they make themselves to differ.

Against all these errors, whenever, wherever, and by whomsoever taught, the Assembly would solemnly testify, and would warn all in connection with the Presbyterian Church against them. They would also enjoin it upon all the inferior judicatories to adopt all suitable measures to keep their members

pure from opinions so dangerous. Especially does the Assembly earnestly enjoin on all the Presbyteries to guard with great care the door of entrance to the sacred office. Nor can the Assembly regard as consistent with ministerial ordination vows an unwillingness to discipline, according to the rules of the word of God and of our standards, any person, already a teacher, who may give currency to the foregoing errors.

YEAS—Messrs. Platt, Leggett, R. I. Crawford, J. R. Johnston, Frame, Goldsmith, Potts, Lenox, Murray, B. M'Dowell, Blauvelt, A. Alexander, William Wilson, Yeomans, Woodhull, Junkin, Lowe, John Wilson, Dorrance, Jessup, Green, Latta, Symington, Cuyler, Darrach, Davie, Penny, Hamilton, Faris, Breckinridge, Hickson, M. B. Patterson, M'Keehan, Creigh, Williamson, Long, J. H. Grier, Hughes, Annan, Ewing, Slagle, Baird, Gladden, J. W. Johnston, Lowrie, Hannah, Stratton, Adair, Tait, M'Crackin, Van Deman, S. Wilson, R. Miller, Beer, M'Combs, Torrance, Turner, Crane, Osborn, Golladay, James Coe, Marquis, H. Patton, M. S. Smith, Marshall, M'Kennan, Stafford, Leonard, W. K. Stewart, Chamberlain, Hopkins, C. S. Todd, C. Stuart, Irwin, Hendren, Morrison, Alexander, Fitzgerald, Hart, Plumer, Caruthers, M'Queen, Potter, Pharr, Andrews, Watts, D. Brown, Galbraith, Sloss, Leatch, Hodge, James Greer, Ross, Simpson, Thornwell, J. Witherspoon, Coit, Leland, E. White, Pratt, J. M'Dowell, T. S. Witherspoon, Morgan, D. Johnson, Van Court, Brotherton, Banks, J. Smylie, N. Smylie —109.

NAYS—Messrs. Burnap, Cheever, Duffield, Gilbert, Bushnell, T. Brown —6.

NON LIQUETS—Messrs. Beman, Ostrom, Peters, N. E. Johnson, A. Campbell, Cleaveland, R. Stuart, Reed, Graves, Mines, Painter—11.

Resolved, That the committees on the records of the Synods of Western Reserve, Utica, Geneva, and Genesee be directed to return the records respectively to the Stated Clerks of those Synods, and that the committees be discharged.

The Temporary Clerk was directed to return the appeal from the church at Wheatlands against the Synod of Genesee to the clerk of the Session of that church.

Dr. Green communicated to the House two papers, purporting to be notices severally served on the Board of Trustees by the Commissioners from the Synod of the Western Reserve, and the Synods of Utica, Geneva, and Genesee; whereupon, it was

Resolved, That the resolutions adopted this morning on this subject be considered a sufficient reply by this Assembly.

Mr. Yeomans, from the committee to nominate Directors for the Board of Foreign Missions, made a report, which was accepted and adopted, and is as follows, viz.:

MINISTERS—John N. Campbell, D. D., Jacob Green, William W. Phillips, D. D., Joseph M'Elroy, D. D., Gardiner Spring, D. D., John M. Krebs, Elias W. Crane, George Potts, Edward D. Smith, Archibald Alexander, D. D., Samuel Miller, D. D., John Breckinridge, D. D., George Junkin, D. D., Nicholas Murray, Ashbel Green, D. D., Cornelius C. Cuyler, D. D., John M'Dowell, D. D., Robert J. Breckinridge, Henry A. Boardman, J. L. Dinwiddie, G. W. Musgrave, John C. Backus, Francis Herron, D. D., Matthew Brown, D. D., Elisha P. Swift, Thomas D. Baird, David Elliott, D. D., James Hoge, D. D., Joshua L. Wilson, D. D., Andrew Todd, William S. Plumer, William M. Atkinson, George A. Baxter, D. D., Samuel L. Graham, D. D., William M'Pheeters, D. D., Aaron W. Leland, D. D., Thomas Smyth, John Witherspoon, D. D., Thomas Goulding, D. D., James L. Sloss.

LAYMEN—Ananias Platt, John Woodworth, John Owen, James Lenox,

James Paton, Moses Allen, Samuel Boyd, Henry Rankin, Hugh Auchincloss, Robert Jaffray, Thomas Pringle, Benjamin M'Dowell, Thomas M'Keen, George Morris, George Brown, William M'Donald, Alexander Symington, Charles Chauncey, James N. Dickson, William Harris, M. D., Alexander Henry, Matthew Newkirk, Solomon Allen, Joseph P. Engles, Robert Wallace, Nathaniel Ewing, Harmer Denny, John Hannen, Samuel Thompson, Charles S. Todd, Samuel C. Anderson, James Fitzgerald, James Caskie, Frederick Nash, Eugenius A. Nesbit, Gilbert T. Snowden, James Adger, Joseph H. Lumpkin, John Ker, M. D., John Murphy.

On motion of Mr. Plumer, the Assembly took up so much of the report of the Committee on the Memorial as relates to church order; and

Mr. Plumer offered the following preamble and resolutions, which were adopted, viz.:

Whereas, It is represented to the Assembly that the following disorders and irregularities are practised in some portions of the Presbyterian Church, the Assembly, without determining the extent of them, would solemnly warn all in our connection against them. They are as follows, viz.:

1. The formation of Presbyteries without defined and reasonable limits, or Presbyteries covering the same territory, and especially such a formation founded on doctrinal repulsions or affinities, thus introducing schism into very vitals of the body.

2. The licensing of persons to preach the gospel and the ordaining to the office of the ministry such as not only accept of our standards merely for substance of doctrine—and others who are unfit and ought to be excluded for want of qualification—but of many even who openly deny fundamental principles of truth, and preach and publish radical errors, as already set forth.

3. The formation of a great multitude and variety of creeds, which are often incomplete, false, and contradictory of each other and of our Confession of Faith and the Bible; but which, even if true, are needless, seeing that the public and authorized standards of the Church are fully sufficient for the purposes for which such formularies were introduced—namely, as public testimonies of our faith and practice, as aids to the teaching of the people truth and righteousness, and as instruments for ascertaining and preserving the unity of the Spirit in the bonds of peace; it being understood that we do not object to the use of a brief abstract of the doctrines of our Confession of Faith in the public reception of private members of the Church.

4. The needless ordination of a multitude of men to the office of evangelist, and the consequent tendency to a general neglect of the pastoral office; frequent and hurtful changes of pastoral relations; to the multiplication of spurious excitements, and the consequent spread of heresy and fanaticism, thus weakening and bringing into contempt the ordinary and stated agents and means for the conversion of sinners and the edification of the body of Christ.

5. The disuse of the office of ruling elder in portions of the Church, and the consequent growth of practices and principles entirely foreign to our system; thus depriving the pastors of needful assistants in discipline, the people of proper guides in Christ, and the churches of suitable representatives in the ecclesiastical tribunals.

6. The unlimited and irresponsible power assumed by several associations of men under various names to exercise authority and influence, direct and indirect, over Presbyteries, as to their field of labor, place of residence, and mode of action in the difficult circumstances of our Church; thus actually throwing the control of affairs in large portions of the Church, and some-

times in the General Assembly itself, out of the hands of the Presbyteries into those of single individuals or small committees located at a distance.

The Assembly also considered that part of the report of the Committee on the Memorial which relates to church order; and the following specification of irregularity was referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures, who were instructed to bring in an overture on the subject, to be sent down to the Presbyteries, viz.:

8. A progressive change in the system of Presbyterial representation in the General Assembly, which has been persisted in by those holding the ordinary majorities, and carried out into detail by those disposed to take undue advantage of existing opportunities, until the actual representation seldom exhibits the true state of the Church, and many questions of the deepest interest have been decided contrary to the fairly-ascertained wishes of the majority of the Church and people in our communion; thus virtually subverting the essential principles of freedom, justice, and equality on which our whole system rests.

Mr. Jessup moved to instruct the Committee on Bills and Overtures to bring in an overture to be sent down to the Presbyteries for a change of the constitution in relation to the ratio of representation on the basis of the number of church members.

The motion was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Plumer, the Assembly took up so much of the report of the Committee on the Memorial as relates to church discipline; and

Mr. Plumer offered the following resolution, which was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That in relation to the whole subject of discipline, as brought before the Assembly by the Committee on the Memorial, the Assembly enjoins upon all Synods, Presbyteries, and church Sessions to see that a wholesome and Christian discipline be exercised throughout all our bounds, as being one of the surest means of restoring purity to the Church and maintaining permanent peace.

On motion of Mr. Breckinridge,

The Assembly took up the unfinished business of yesterday, viz.: the motion to amend the resolutions respecting the connection of the Third Presbytery of Philadelphia and the Presbytery of Wilmington with the Presbyterian Church; and,

On motion of Mr. Breckinridge, the resolutions were amended by striking out everything relating to the Presbytery of Wilmington.

The motion offered yesterday by Mr. Lowrie, to amend the resolutions by striking out all after the word "received" in the fourth resolution, and the whole of the fifth resolution, was then renewed and adopted.

And, after debate,

It was moved to lay this whole subject on the table. This motion was decided in the negative by yeas and nays, as follows, viz.:

YEAS—Messrs. Southworth, Burnap, Beman, Porter, Sayre, Cone, Ostrom, Goldsmith, Potts, M'Auley, Peters, N. E. Johnson, Schenck, Cheever, Burnet, Seymour, Woodruff, Blauvelt, Yeomans, Woodhull, A. Miller, Jessup, Grant, A. White, Duffield, Hall, Davie, Gilbert, Faris, A. Campbell, Lowrie, Cleaveland, R. Stuart, Reed, E. Cutler, Van Deman, Dickinson, Golladay, Bradley, Blythe, Stafford, Clark, Leonard, Kingsbury, Gould, Graves, Hendren, Alexander, Fitzgerald, Mines, Pharr, Andrews, Watts, Painter, T. Brown, D. Brown, E. White, Van Court, Brotherton—59.

NAYS—Messrs. Platt, Legget, R. I. Crawford, J. R. Johnston, Frame, Lenox, B. M'Dowell, Junkin, Lowe, J. Wilson, Green, Latta, Symington, Penny, Breckinridge, Hickson, M. B. Patterson, M'Keehan, Creigh, J. H. Grier, Hughes, Cook, Annan, Ewing, Gladden, J. W. Johnson, Mitchel, Hannah,

Stratton, Adair, Tait, M'Crackin, W. Patterson, S. Wilson, R. Miller, Beer, M'Combs, Torrance, Turner, Crane, Osborn, J. Coe, Marquis, H. Patton, M. S. Smith, Marshall, C. S. Todd, C. Stuart, Irwin, Moore, Hart, Plumer, M'Queen, Potter, Galbraith, Sloss, Leatch, Hodge, Ross, Simpson, Thornwell, Leland, Coit, Pratt, J. M'Dowell, T. S. Witherspoon, Morgan, D. Johnson, Banks, J. Smylie, N. Smylie—71.

Non liquets—Messrs. Cuyler, Darrach, Hervey—3.

So the House refused to lay the resolutions on the table.

The previous question was then demanded, and, having been decided in the affirmative,

The resolutions as amended were agreed to, by yeas and nays, as follows, viz.:

Be it resolved, By the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America,

1. That the Third Presbytery of Philadelphia be, and hereby is, dissolved.

2. The territory embraced in this Presbytery is reannexed to those to which it respectively appertained before its creation. Its Stated Clerk is directed to deposit all the records and other papers in the hands of the Stated Clerk of the Synod of Philadelphia on or before the first day of the sessions of that Synod or its first meeting after this Assembly adjourns.

3. The candidates and foreign missionaries of the Third Presbytery of Philadelphia are hereby attached to the Presbytery of Philadelphia.

4. The ministers, churches, and licentiates in the Presbytery hereby dissolved are directed to apply without delay to the Presbyteries to which they most naturally belong for admission into them. And upon application being so made by any duly organized Presbyterian church, it shall be received.

5. These resolutions shall be in force from and after the final adjournment of the present sessions of the General Assembly.

Yeas—Messrs. Platt, Leggett, R. I. Crawford, J. R. Johnston, Frame, Lenox, B. M'Dowell, Wm. Wilson, Junkin, Lowe, J. Wilson, Green, Latta, Symington, Darrach, Penny, Breckinridge, Hickson, M. B. Patterson, M'Keehan, Creigh, Williamson, Long, J. H. Grier, Hughes, Cook, Annan, Ewing, Slagle, Gladden, J. W. Johnston, Mitchell, Hannah, Stratton, Adair, Tait, M'Crackin, W. Patterson, S. Wilson, R. Miller, Beer, M'Combs, Torrance, Turner, Crane, Osborn, J. Coe, Marquis, H. Patton, M. S. Smith, Marshall, C. S. Todd, C. Stuart, Irwin, Moore, Hart, Plumer, M'Queen, Potter, Galbraith, Leatch, Hodge, Ross, Simpson, Thornwell, Coit, Leland, Pratt, J. M'Dowell, T. S. Witherspoon, Morgan, D. Johnson, Banks, J. Smylie, N. Smylie—75.

Nays—Messrs. Southworth, Burnap, Beman, Porter, Sayre, Cone, Ostrom, Goldsmith, Potts, M'Auley, Peters, N. E. Johnson, Schenck, Cheever, Burnet, Seymour, Woodruff, Blauvelt, Yeomans, Woodhull, Dorrance, A. Miller, Jessup, Cuyler, Grant, Duffield, Hall, Davie, Gilbert, Faris, A. Campbell, Lowrie, Cleaveland, R. Stuart, Reed, E. Cutler, Dickinson, Golladay, Bradley, Blythe, Stafford, Clark, Leonard, Kingsbury, Gould, Graves, Chamberlain, Hendren, J. Alexander, Mines, Pharr, Andrews, Watts, Painter, T. Brown, D. Brown, Sloss, E. White, Van Court, Brotherton—60.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

Thursday morning, June 8th, 9 o'clock.

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

The minutes of the last session were read.

Mr. Todd, from the committee to answer the Protest against the resolutions of this Assembly respecting the citation of inferior judicatories, and

also against the resolution of this Assembly declaring the Synod of the Western Reserve not to be a part of the Presbyterian Church, made a report recommending that the Protest be entered on the minutes accompanied by the Answer. The report was read, accepted, and adopted, and it was ordered that the Protest and the Answer be entered on the minutes, as follows, viz.:

PROTEST.

The undersigned, members of the General Assembly, beg leave respectfully to enter their solemn *Protest* to the act of the Assembly adopting the three resolutions relative to the citation of inferior judicatories, and likewise to the resolution of the Assembly declaring the *Synod of the Western Reserve* not a part of the Presbyterian Church. In support of our Protest we subjoin the following reasons:

1. We object to the *mode* of investigation adopted in the first-named resolutions by the Assembly. They resolve, in the first place, "to cite to the bar of the next Assembly such inferior judicatories as are charged, by common fame, with irregularities." The first step, in our estimation, should have been to appoint a committee to inquire into *the nature* of the various rumors which are said to be afloat, and to report to the Assembly whether there was any cause for citation.

2. The committee was empowered by the second resolution merely to ascertain what judicatories were charged by common fame; whereas they ought to have been instructed, in this stage of the investigation, to ascertain whether there was or was not any *foundation* for existing rumors. It seems to be made imperative by the resolution that all judicatories shall be reported by that committee for citation against which any unfavorable rumors are in circulation.

3. The majority of the committee recommending these measures were members of the convention which originated all this business and brought it into the Assembly. They acted upon it first in the convention, then in the Assembly, after that in the committee, and then are to pass a final vote in the Assembly. They petition *themselves*, consider their own petition, and then grant to *themselves* what *they themselves* ask.

4. The investigation ought to have been expressly limited to Synods, because the Book of Discipline makes provision for the Assembly, in certain cases, to cite Synods, but no other judicatories. (See Gen. Rev. and Con. vi.)

5. The resolution to deprive the judicatories to be cited of a seat in the next Assembly is in every respect unconstitutional and void "*ab initio*." This Assembly has no power, by their vote, to deprive Commissioners duly elected from a seat in the next Assembly, because that Assembly has the exclusive right of judging of the qualifications of its own members, and because to do so would be to inflict a penalty before trial or investigation. Besides, the Assembly has power to cite Synods only, and *Presbyteries*, and not *Synods*, are represented on this floor. To deprive every Presbytery in a whole Synod of a seat in the General Assembly because a Synod, in its collective capacity, may have been irregular, is unprecedented in ecclesiastical proceedings.

6. The provision in the Book of Discipline, referred to in the third resolution to justify the exclusion of members from seats in the next Assembly, has no application to this case. It applies only to a minister of the gospel when on trial before his own Presbytery, and cannot justify the unconstitutional bearing of this resolution. Besides, the Book of Discipline expressly provides for those cases in which an inferior judicatory is to be excluded from a seat in the superior judicatory; and these cases are trials of appeals and complaints in which they are interested.

7. The resolution declaring the Synod of the Western Reserve not a part of the Presbyterian Church of the United States we deem unconstitutional in its character and oppressive in its operation upon those who are immediately affected by it. We think those brethren who have been excluded from this House by this resolution have a right to declare it a dismemberment of the Presbyterian Church. They further protest against this resolution on account of the *time* and *manner* in which it has been introduced and adopted. While the whole subject respecting inferior judicatories was in the hands of a committee, and before receiving any report from that committee, while citation, according to the provisions of the book, was pending, and when the subject could not have been regularly reached but by a vote of reconsideration, the Assembly take the whole matter into their own hands and disown a whole Synod containing eight Presbyteries, without any regular and constitutional steps in the case. *The abrogation of the Plan of Union*, in the opinion of the undersigned, cannot justify this act. The Plan was a compact, and the Assembly was a *party* to that compact; and it is not in the power of *that party* to destroy the rights which have vested under that compact.

We add, this Synod was constituted by the General Assembly in 1825 out of *three* Presbyteries then forming part of the Synod of Pittsburgh, which Presbyteries were in good, regular, and constitutional standing in the Presbyterian Church, and had been constituent parts of that Synod, and had been represented by their Commissioners on the floor of this House. They have since their constitution organized *five* Presbyteries, all of which have been fully recognized by this Assembly. The Synod has regularly presented its records to this House from time to time, and the Assembly have acted thereon. The Plan of Union had no reference to the organization of Presbyteries, and no effect thereon. It made no alteration in the mode of constituting them; and the committee of the churches, not being entitled to seats in the Synods (when these Presbyteries were constituted), could not control the same. The authority of this Synod, and of the Presbyteries constituted by it, was not derived from any provision in the Plan of Union, nor could their existence or operation be affected by that Plan. The only reason assigned by the resolution for thus annulling the organization of eight Presbyteries is stated to be the operation of the *abrogating resolution*. Now, it is plain to the subscribers, and, they believe, palpably evident, *that the Plan of Union, either in its existence or abrogation, could have no effect upon the formation or existence of a Presbytery or Synod.* The only effect of that Plan was the formation of churches of a peculiar character, which might be admitted to the Presbyteries according to the special provisions of that Plan; and if the act of abrogation had any effect, passed as it was by the same body which made the original compact, it could only affect the churches now existing under the peculiar formation recommended in that Plan, and could not, without plain absurdity, be construed to affect Presbyterian ministers and strictly Presbyterian churches.

Lastly. We protest against the exercise of the power of closing the debate upon both of the foregoing questions by the majority, insisting as they did upon the previous question.

Philip C. Hay (in relation to the three first-mentioned resolutions, being out of the House when the last was passed), N. S. S. Beman, Calvin Cutler, T. D. Southworth, Edwin Holt, G. Hayden, D. O. Griswold, D. Sayre, John Cone, Bliss Burnap, Marcus Smith, Horace Hunt, Ira Pettibone, Thomas Williams, William Roy, Thomas Lounsbury, John Gridley, Abner Hollister, Washington Thatcher, H. S. Walbridge, John M. Rowland, Silas West, George

E. Delavan, George Spalding, S. Benjamin, Solomon Stevens, Henry Brewster, James B. Shaw, Felix Tracy, J. B. Richardson, Timothy Stillman, John B. Preston, James R. Gibson, N. E. Johnson, Obadiah Woodruff, Adam Miller, William Jessup, John L. Grant, Ambrose White, Wilfred Hall, E. W. Gilbert, Alexander Campbell, John S. Martin, Alanson Saunders, William Fuller, John Seward, Dudley Williams, A. Peters, Rufus Nutting, Eldad Barber, George Duffield, James Boyd, Benjamin Woodbury, Isaac J. Rice, Henry Brown, Joseph H. Breck, H. Kingsbury, Varnum Noyes, John P. Cleaveland, Robert Stuart, P. W. Warriner, Ira M. Wead, Samuel Reed, Bennet Roberts, Ephraim Cutler, Benjamin Dolbear, Baxter Dickinson, James W. Phillips, Burr Bradley, John Crawford, David B. Ayres, Nathaniel C. Clark, Enoch Kingsbury, Nahum Gould, F. W. Graves, Jacob Gideon, George Painter, Thomas Brown, John W. Cunningham, Robert Aikman, Samuel W. May, E. Seymour, William C. Wisner, James H. Carnahan, Zina Whittlesey, James I. Ostrom, Fayette Shipherd, Merit Harmon, R. Campbell, Thomas M'Auley, H. Bushnell, E. Cheever, David Whitney, Thomas Cleland, F. A. M'Corkle, John Leonard, John M'Sween, Jacob Faris, J. W. M'Cullough, H. H. Hays, Ammi Doubleday.

ANSWER.

The committee to whom was referred the Protest of sundry members of this General Assembly against the act adopting the three resolutions relative to the citation of inferior judicatories, and likewise to the resolution of the Assembly declaring the *Synod of the Western Reserve* not a part of the Presbyterian Church, have had the same under consideration, and would respectfully report the following Answer to said Protest:

The signers to the Protest object to the mode of investigation adopted in the first-named resolutions, and contend that the first step should have been to appoint a committee to inquire into the *nature* of the rumors which are said to be afloat, and to report to the Assembly whether there was any cause for citation. The resolutions as to citation refer to supposed cases, and the committee were to cite and designate and report to the Assembly for its approval and further action. In this aspect of the case the objections urged lose their force. No wrong was done to any Presbytery, nor any irregular process authorized, nor, indeed, any final step to be taken without action in the General Assembly. Upon the report of the committee to cite the House would decide upon the *foundation* for existing irregularities, and a wholesome control as to the details of the whole subject would be exercised by the Assembly before the final disposition of the several cases; and the signers of the Protest themselves affirm, in a subsequent part of the paper, and with the design of sustaining another position, that the citation contemplated by these resolutions was *according to the book*. Your committee deem it, therefore, unnecessary to dwell upon this part of the subject, it being evident, from the nature of the resolutions and the admission of the signers to the Protest, that the steps contemplated by these resolutions were according to the book and within the constitutional power of this Assembly.

It is difficult to conceive how this regular constitutional action could be impaired or destroyed by the suggestion, whether true or untrue, that the committee recommending these measures were members of the convention—that they acted upon it first in the convention, then in the Assembly, after that in the committee, and then were to pass a final vote in the Assembly.

It is even gravely charged as a ground of objection that "they petition *themselves*, consider their own petition, and then grant to *themselves* what they *themselves* ask." It is a sufficient answer to this objection that the majority of the duly-constituted members of this Assembly adopted and sanctioned the incipient as well as final steps in the case; and the acts of the Assembly are valid until it be shown that the provisions of the constitution have been invaded or that the majority consisted of persons who were not duly-qualified Commissioners. The fact of a majority or any number of members of the Assembly having been members of the convention cannot invalidate the acts of the Assembly. The right of petition is guaranteed by every well-regulated government, whether civil, political, or ecclesiastical, and it is just as competent for any number of the individuals composing the Assembly to meet *publicly* for consultation as it would be for any number to meet *privately* for the same object. In neither case could the action of those members in the Assembly be supposed to be purified or contaminated by such consultations.

The investigation contemplated by these resolutions was designed to apply to inferior judicatories, which includes Synods, and may not necessarily mean Presbyteries; the specification of such inferior judicatory was to be reported by the committee, and the fourth objection, as urged by the signers of the Protest, could only be appropriate when a Presbytery should be cited. Any supposed restriction of the right of the General Assembly to cite any other inferior judicatories but Synods (which is regarded by the signers of the Protest as being derived from the sixth part of the section of general review and control) is explained by the comprehensive character of the fifth part, which assigns to the superior judicatory power to "examine, deliberate, and judge in the whole matter as completely as if it had been recorded, and thus brought up by the review of the records." The General Assembly, by its very constitution, is regarded as having a general control of the whole Church, and in its conservative character shall superintend all of its concerns. It is believed that the initiatory steps contemplated by the resolutions authorizing a committee to designate inferior judicatories who may have been guilty of irregularities, to cite them, and report as soon as practicable to this Assembly, do not infringe the spirit or letter of the inherent powers of the General Assembly. And the great principles of analogy would obviously dictate that the members of the inferior judicatories, upon whom these preparatory measures are supposed to operate, should not be permitted to sit in the next General Assembly until their cases should be decided. If there be any sound principle contained in the clause, and the uniform practice which excludes an interested judicatory from voting, that principle and that practice should be applied to the members of such inferior judicatories as may be affected by these resolutions. This view of the subject is exceedingly strengthened by the fact that express power is vested in our judicatories to exclude at will their own members when on trial before them.

The other subject on which the signers to the Protest present their objections is one of vital importance, as involving in an eminent degree the character of nearly all the proceedings of this General Assembly. It is represented by them to be unconstitutional and oppressive, and might be regarded as a dismemberment of the Presbyterian Church.

The fallacy of these opinions will appear upon a just consideration of the real question at issue. The Synod of the Western Reserve was declared by that resolution to be no longer a part of the Presbyterian Church; and on the supposition, which can be confidently established, that this General Assembly has a right to declare who shall or who shall not compose its members, it follows, as a necessary consequence, that this declaration of that Synod not

being a part of the Church no more dismembers the Church than the declaration by Congress or any legislature that certain persons pronounced not duly elected would have the effect to dissolve that body or vitiate its acts. The Plan of Union of 1801 was unconstitutional, and therefore void, *ab initio*, and only lived just so long as the discretion of the General Assembly permitted. It had no constitutional existence, and was subject at any time to be pronounced as dead. It was manifestly a gross interpolation upon the constitution, and was not even adopted in the mode pointed out by the constitution. It was not only voidable by any subsequent act of the General Assembly, but was void from the beginning, because without constitutional authority and professing to bring into our judicatories persons who were not duly-qualified members. The act of 1801 was not only unconstitutional, but the effect of its operation was to make inroads upon the great distinctive features both of doctrine and discipline in the Presbyterian Church; and whether reference be had to its nullity or its pernicious influence, no principle is more firmly established than that an unconstitutional law can give no rights, and that, *ipso facto*, whatever may be attempted to be built upon it must fall with the sandy foundation on which it rests. The Synod of the Western Reserve was the result of the operation of the act of 1801, in virtue and by consequence of which a body of churches, Presbyteries, and Synods radically anti-Presbyterian in doctrine and order have been introduced into our connection, in express violation of many particular provisions of our constitution and of the entire spirit of our system; and therefore it never was a legitimate part of the Presbyterian Church. Its abrogation destroyed no rights, because none existed under it; and every lover of the purity and peace of the Church will contemplate with satisfaction the moral courage and Christian fortitude which, under God, has aroused the friends of truth to the great work of reformation.

It will devolve more naturally on another committee to prove the Plan of Union in question to have been utterly repugnant to the constitution, as that part of the Protest to which we are replying is rather against the consequences flowing from that declaration by the Assembly than against the legality and truth of the declaration itself. But, supposing the Assembly to have had good reasons for declaring the Synod of the Western Reserve not to be a Presbyterian Synod at all, surely there could no longer be any reason why delegates from Presbyteries in that Synod should have seats in the Assembly. And whether the Assembly came wisely or otherwise to the decision as to the true posture of that Synod, such a decision, when rendered, is thenceforward conclusive on all the parties till changed by the Assembly itself; and mere expressions of opinion, without anything amounting even to a show of reason, on the part of those who protest, are sufficiently answered by a corresponding expression on the part of the Assembly, that it has had abundant reason to be convinced that its acts in this behalf were not only fully warranted by its constitutional powers and amply justified by abundant evidence, but that they were absolutely necessary to save the Church from impending ruin. As many of the declarations of the signers of the Protest in this part of their case, as well as in the preceding portions of it, are deprived of all their force by action of the Assembly subsequent to the writing of their Protest, we need only refer to the resolutions in the case of the Synods of Utica, Geneva, and Genesee for an answer to much of their Protest in regard to that of the Synod of the Western Reserve.

And it seems that their whole procedure shows clearly how unreasonable, inconvenient, and impracticable it is to suitably protest in regard to business which has not yet assumed its final shape, and to attempt to fasten on this Assembly conclusions which the persons protesting contradict themselves to reach, and which, if they had exercised only a small degree of patience, would

have been presented to them in a complete and therefore somewhat different aspect from the regular and necessary progress of the business of the House.

To the objection which is urged against the exercise of the power to close the debate on this question, it is a sufficient answer that the General Assembly has the power to prescribe its own rules for the transaction of business; that the rule in relation to the previous question was adopted by a majority —a rule in conformity to that observed by Congress, and in its application by this General Assembly wrought no injustice to the minority, as a full discussion was allowed, in which that minority occupied more than half of the time.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported Overture No. 13, viz.: various overtures to the Assembly on the subject of Slavery, and recommended that the whole subject be laid on the table. The report was adopted, by yeas and nays, as follows, viz.:

YEAS—Messrs. Platt, Leggett, R. I. Crawford, J. R. Johnston, Frame, Goldsmith, Burnet, B. M'Dowell, Blauvelt, A. Alexander, Woodhull, Junkin, Lowe, Dorrance, Green, Latta, Symington, Cuyler, Darrach, Davie, Penny, Hamilton, Breckinridge, Hickson, M. B. Patterson, Creigh, Long, J. H. Grier, Hughes, Annan, Ewing, Hervey, Baird, J. W. Johnston, Lowrie, Mitchell, Hannah, Stratton, Tait, M'Crackin, Van Deman, W. Patterson, M'Combs, Torrance, Crane, Golladay, James Coe, Marquis, H. Patton, M. S. Smith, Blythe, Marshall, W. K. Stewart, Chamberlain, Hopkins, C. S. Todd, C. Stuart, Irwin, Hendren, Moore, Morrison, J. Alexander, Fitzgerald, Mines, Baxter, Hart, Plumer, Caruthers, M'Queen, Potter, Pharr, Andrews, D. Brown, Galbraith, Sloss, Leatch, Hodge, James Greer, Ross, Simpson, Thornwell, J. Witherspoon, Coit, Leland, E. White, Pratt, J. M'Dowell, Morgan, D. Johnson, Van Court, Brotherton, Banks, N. Smylie—93.

NAYS—Messrs. Southworth, Burnap, Beman, Ostrom, Peters, N. E. Johnson, Schenck, Cheever, Seymour, Woodruff, Murray, A. Miller, Jessup, Grant, Duffield, Gilbert, Adair, Cleveland, R. Stuart, Reed, Dickinson, Bushnell, Clark, Kingsbury, Gould, Graves, Painter, T. Brown—28.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported Overture No. 14, viz.: the subject of representation in the General Assembly; recommending that a special committee be appointed to report an overture to the next General Assembly. The report was adopted.

On motion of Dr. Green,

Resolved, That the Trustees of the Theological Seminary at Princeton be authorized to draw from the treasury of the Trustees of the General Assembly the sum of six thousand eight hundred dollars for the payment of professors' salaries through the current year.

Mr. Baird, from the committee to write a letter to the churches formed on the accommodation plan, made a report, which was read and accepted; on motion to adopt the report,

Dr. Beman moved that it be laid on the table. This motion was lost.

The motion to adopt the report was lost, and the committee was discharged.

Mr. Breckinridge moved that a committee be appointed to prepare a letter to be addressed to the four Synods which have been declared by this Assembly to be out of the Presbyterian Church, explaining the reasons of the Assembly for making that declaration.

The motion was adopted, and Drs. Witherspoon and Leland and Mr. Goldsmith were appointed that committee.

The Assembly took up the report of the committee on the Western Theological Seminary, and the report was recommitted to the committee.

Dr. Alexander, from the committee to prepare a pastoral letter to be addressed to the churches under our care, made a report, which was read and adopted, and ordered to be printed in the Appendix to the Minutes.

The Assembly took up the Narrative on the State of Religion; and it was recommitted to the Committee on the Narrative, together with Messrs. Hendren and Mines.

On motion, the Assembly took up the unfinished business of May 29th, viz.: the appeal of Dr. Wylie against the Synod of Indiana.

The Moderator reminded the members of their high character as a court of Jesus Christ, and the solemn duty in which they are about to act.

After having heard part of the documents read, the further reading was arrested, and the following resolution was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That inasmuch as the Synod of Indiana did not take an express vote on sustaining the appeal of Mr. Harney, and the sentence on record is vague and inconsistent with itself, the whole case be remitted to the said Synod, with an injunction to them to reconsider the same and pass a definite, precise, and just sentence.

The Moderator appointed Dr. John M'Dowell, Dr. Cuyler, and Mr. Winchester a committee to prepare an overture to be reported to the next Assembly in relation to the ratio of representation in the General Assembly.

The Judicial Committee reported the appeal of R. Taylor against the Synod of Michigan, which was not put into the hands of the Clerk in the constitutional time. The appeal was therefore dismissed.

The Assembly took up the unfinished business of the last Assembly, viz.: the appeal of the Rev. J. C. Harrison against the Synod of Cincinnati, and it was referred to the next General Assembly.

The Judicial Committee reported judicial business Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10, which were disposed of as follows, viz.:

No. 2, Appeal of Oneida Presbytery from a decision of the Synod of Utica. The parties had leave to withdraw their papers.

No. 3, Complaint of members of the Synod of Illinois against said Synod in the case of the Rev. William J. Frazer. This complaint was referred to the next General Assembly.

No. 4, Appeal of Adam Johnston from a decision of the Presbytery of Philadelphia. Referred to the next General Assembly.

No. 5, Appeal of Rev. A. G. Morss and others from decisions of the Second Presbytery of Philadelphia. Referred to the Synod of Philadelphia.

No. 6, Complaint of the Session of the church at West Chester against the Synod of Philadelphia.

Resolved, That the complainants have leave to withdraw their papers.

No. 7, Complaint of Rev. James Patterson and others against the Synod of Philadelphia.

Resolved, That the parties have leave to withdraw their papers.

No. 8, Complaint of the Presbytery of Wilmington against the Synod of Philadelphia. Referred to the next General Assembly.

Nos. 9 and 10, Complaints of the Rev. John M. Bear against the Synod of Philadelphia. Referred to the next General Assembly.

The Assembly called for reports of committees on Synodical records.

The committees on the records of the Synods of New York, Albany, Philadelphia, Mississippi, Kentucky, Virginia, Alabama, Cincinnati, North Carolina, and Michigan reported, and the records were approved.

The committee on the records of the Synod of Indiana reported, and the records were approved, with the following exceptions, viz.: "On page 375, in the case of a complaint against the decision of a Presbytery, no evidence appears that the records of the Presbytery were read; and on page 386 an

elder appeared late in the session and took his seat without giving satisfactory reasons or any reasons for tardiness."

The committee on the records of the Synod of Pittsburgh reported, and the records were approved, with the following exception: "On page 166 imperfect record in the case of a report of a committee upon the subject of tract distribution."

The committees on the records of the Synods of Illinois, New Jersey, Ohio, Tennessee, West Tennessee, South Carolina and Georgia, and Missouri reported that these records had not been put into their hands, and the committees were discharged.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Synods whose records have not been sent up to this General Assembly be specially enjoined to send them up to the next Assembly.

Adjourned till this afternoon at half-past 3 o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

Thursday afternoon, half-past 3 *o'clock.*

The Assembly met, and was opened with prayer.

Mr. Duffield introduced the following Protest, which was read, accepted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes, as follows, viz.:

PROTEST.

The undersigned respectfully present their Protest against the act of the General Assembly adopting the report of the Committee of Bills and Overtures on so much of the memorial of the convention as relates to erroneous doctrines, and for the following reasons:

We protest, 1, *because of the course pursued by the majority in relation to this report.* Early in the sessions of the Assembly it was announced that all the great questions which should claim their attention, and the action on which would give character to this Assembly and affect the very integrity of the Presbyterian Church, were entwined around and involved in the memorial of the convention. That memorial presented, as *the evil* which lay at the foundation of their solemn testimony and threatened the very existence of the Church, the prevalence of error. "It is against *error*," say the memorialists, "that we emphatically bear our testimony—error, not as it may be freely and openly held by others in this age and land of absolute religious freedom, but error held and taught in the Presbyterian Church, preached and written by persons who profess to receive and adopt our scriptural standards —promoted by societies widely operating through our churches—reduced into form and openly embraced by almost entire Presbyteries and Synods—favored by repeated acts of successive General Assemblies, and at last virtually sanctioned to an alarming extent by the numerous Assembly of 1836." Of this they said they had "conclusive proof."

On Monday, the 22d ultimo, the fourth day of the sessions of the Assembly, the committee to whom the memorial was referred presented their report in relation to these errors, and invited the attention of the Assembly to this subject as one of the very first importance, detailing, with one or two verbal alterations merely, the list of errors condemned by the memorialists and alleged to be rife in the Presbyterian Church. It was moved to amend this list by introducing into it four other errors alleged to be held and taught and productive of great mischief in the Church. At the same time request was made for one day's delay, that so grave and important a subject might receive the calm and sober attention it merited. On all hands discussion was allowed to be desirable and necessary, and the Assembly agreed to make the subject

the order of the day for the next day. When the next day arrived, however, the Assembly refused to take up the subject, and, notwithstanding frequent attempts were made by the minority to get at the discussion, and the radical importance of the subject had been alleged, the Assembly uniformly refused to take it up till near the close of the sessions, when all discussion and amendment were instantly prevented by the call for the previous question.

2. We protest, *because of the manner in which the vote was arrived at.* The amendment offered proposed the condemnation of the four following errors, of the existence of which in the Presbyterian Church more decisive proof, in our view, was given by several speakers than of any reported by the convention, viz.: 1. "*That man has no ability of* ANY KIND *to obey God's command or do his duty.* 2. *That ability is not necessary to constitute obligation.* 3. *That God may justly command what man has no ability to perform, and justly condemn him for the non-performance.* 4. *That all the powers of man to perform the duty required of him have been destroyed by the fall.*" The admission of this amendment was opposed.

A motion was made for the postponement of the amendment and doctrinal discussion till the next day, and argued till the previous question was demanded, which, the Moderator decided, would present the question of postponement as "the main question;" and in that form the previous question was put and carried. But instead of taking up the subject then made the order of the day for the next day, the majority even afterward refused to do so until the rule for the previous question had been so altered, and the Moderator's decision on it so had, that the use of the previous question would cut off the amendment and bring up the original list of errors as the main question. At the close of the session, when it was well known this would be the effect of the previous question, the report of the committee was taken up, and the call for the previous question made so immediately as to prevent all discussion on the amendment thereafter, as well as on the whole list of doctrinal errors.

3. We protest, *because of the effect produced by the prospect or probability of obtaining an unanimous condemnation of the errors.* During the short discussion which took place on the amendment it became obvious that there would be a general if not unanimous testimony of the Assembly against the errors proposed to be condemned. Such a vote would have greatly weakened, if not entirely destroyed, the allegations of the convention, who affirmed that they had "conclusive proof" that these errors "are widely disseminated in the Presbyterian Church." We hoped it would have arrested all the subsequent action of the Assembly, which we feel to have been so disastrous to the interests of our beloved Church. At all events, its moral effect as a testimony against error would have been so great that, had it been the main and exclusive design of the majority to condemn error, we think it strange they did not see and appreciate it. We think it strange, too, that instead of endeavoring to obtain a unanimous vote in the condemnation of error and promote peace and harmony, which might have prevented much of what we believe will be productive of great and lasting injury to the Church, the doctrinal errors were studiously and with determination kept back from the consideration of the Assembly till nearly all those measures were adopted which could only be alleged to be necessary on supposition of the fact that there could be no unanimity or agreement in the condemnation of error.

4. We protest, *because of the embarrassing condition in which members of the minority were placed by the manner in which the majority determined finally to act on the report.* The report presented the list of errors, and proposed that the Assembly testify against them, not as errors *in thesi*, but as errors declared

by the convention to be rife in the Presbyterian Church. This some of the members did not believe. At all events, no proof whatever was exhibited or offered that such is the fact. Others felt that some of the errors condemned are erroneous inferences, which have been drawn and falsely charged by those who do not understand the real sentiments of brethren, who prefer, in explaining the great doctrines of our Confession and of the word of God, to speak in the language of common sense, rather than to employ certain theological technics or terms of scholastic divinity not found either in the Bible or in our standards, and which, it is believed, in many instances make dangerous practical impressions, and contrary both to the truth and to the design of those that use them. To have refused, on the one hand, for these and such like reasons, to condemn these errors would necessarily, in the present agitated state of the public mind, excite suspicions and doubts as to their soundness in the faith who did so. Yea, even a *non liquet* vote or declining to vote altogether would have the same effect. On the other hand, to have condemned these errors without some opportunity afforded in discussion to state their real views, and to disavow their belief of the erroneous inferences drawn from their mode of explaining the doctrines of the standards in the language of common sense in preference to that of scholastic theology, would have subjected them to the charge of insincerity and hypocrisy of late so industriously circulated against many estimable men in the Presbyterian Church. Christian candor, the spirit of brotherly love, and the obligation to do to others as we would have them to do to us, we think, should have rendered the majority willing to afford their brethren full opportunity to exhibit their real views, to correct any misrepresentations, to disavow any false inferences attributed to them as their opinions, and to unite with them in the condemnation of pernicious error.

5. We protest also, *because of the want of discrimination, as we think, in the statement of the errors;* some of which are propositions wholly of a metaphysical character, and on points by no means clearly and positively settled either in our standards or in the sacred Scriptures, and calculated exceedingly to perplex and bewilder the great mass of ordinary readers in finding them classed with errors essentially at variance with both.

6. We protest further, *because of the imperfect character, as we think, of the testimony given against error in the report and resolutions adopted.* We think that the dangerous errors brought into view by the amendment should have been condemned, and that it is not sufficient to affirm a proposition to be erroneous without asserting the contrary truth. Such a testimony in full we were prepared to give had we been allowed an opportunity.

7. We protest yet further, because the language of several of the statements, we think, is so ambiguous as to contain different propositions according to the different legitimate signification of the terms employed in the statement, and therefore requiring some explanation, as in specification first, where it is said God was *not able* to prevent the existence of sin. Here, if the words "not able" be taken in the sense of a want of a mere literal power, we have one proposition, but if understood to signify *inconsistency* with the perfections of the divine nature generally, we have another totally different; and so of *can* in the thirteenth and *cannot* in the fourteenth specifications. The same is also true in regard to the term *ability* in the latter clause of specification ninth. If by ability be meant endowments, such as constitute the natural capabilities of a moral and responsible agent, we have one proposition, but if ability be understood to signify a disposition of mind to will and to do the good pleasure of God, we have one wholly diverse. To the list of ambiguities we may add the term regeneration in the latter clause of specification twelfth. If in that place regeneration be understood to comprehend all the

vicissitudes of mind which man experiences in the change from a careless sinner to a real Christian, we shall have a proposition wholly diverse from that which we would have if we understood the term to mean merely the transformation of a convicted and anxious sinner into a true and spiritual Christian, or the translation from a state of death in trespasses and sins to a state of life; so that several of these statements may be true or false, error or orthodoxy, just as the terms that express them may be differently explained. We feel bound to protest against any doctrinal statements coming from this body of so ambiguous import, and so adapted as, we think, without explanation, to perplex and confound, and not to instruct and edify the churches.

8. We protest, finally, because, in view of all the circumstances of the case, we feel that while we were prevented from uniting in the final vote with the majority in their testimony against error for the reasons above stated, we owe it to ourselves, to our brethren, to the Church, and to the world to declare and protest that it is not because we do, directly or indirectly, hold or countenance the errors stated. We are willing to bear our testimony in full against them, and now do so, when, without misapprehension and liability to have our vote misconstrued, we avow our real sentiments, and contrast them with the errors condemned, styling them, as we believe, the true doctrine, in opposition to the erroneous doctrine condemned, as follows, viz.:

First Error. "That God would have prevented the existence of sin in our world, but was not able without destroying the moral agency of man; or, that for aught that appears in the Bible to the contrary, sin is incidental to any wise moral system."

True Doctrine. God permitted the introduction of sin, not because he was unable to prevent it consistently with the moral freedom of his creatures, but for wise and benevolent reasons which he has not revealed.

Second Error. "That election to eternal life is founded on a foresight of faith and obedience."

True Doctrine. Election to eternal life is not founded on a foresight of faith and obedience, but is a sovereign act of God's mercy, whereby, according to the counsel of his own will, he has chosen some to salvation; "yet so as thereby neither is violence offered to the will of the creatures, nor is the liberty or contingency of second causes taken away, but rather established;" nor does this gracious purpose ever take effect independently of faith and a holy life.

Third Error. "That we have no more to do with the first sin of Adam than with the sins of any other parent."

True Doctrine. By a divine constitution Adam was so the head and representative of the race that, as a consequence of his transgression, all mankind become morally corrupt and liable to death, temporal and eternal.

Fourth Error. "That infants come into the world as free from moral defilement as was Adam when he was created."

True Doctrine. Adam was created in the image of God, endowed with knowledge, righteousness, and true holiness. Infants come into the world not only destitute of these, but with a nature inclined to evil and only evil.

Fifth Error. "That infants sustain the same relation to the moral government of God, in this world, as brute animals, and that their sufferings and death are to be accounted for on the same principles as those of brutes, and not by any means to be considered as penal."

True Doctrine. Brute animals sustain no such relation to the moral

government of God as does the human family. Infants are a part of the human family, and their sufferings and death are to be accounted for on the ground of their being involved in the general moral ruin of the race induced by the apostasy.

SIXTH ERROR. "That there is no other original sin than the fact that all the posterity of Adam, though by nature innocent, will always begin to sin when they begin to exercise moral agency; that original sin does not include a sinful bias of the human mind and a just exposure to penal suffering; and that there is no evidence in Scripture that infants, in order to salvation, do need redemption by the blood of Christ and regeneration by the Holy Ghost."

TRUE DOCTRINE. Original sin is a natural bias to evil resulting from the first apostasy, leading invariably and certainly to actual transgression. And all infants, as well as adults, in order to be saved need redemption by the blood of Christ and regeneration by the Holy Ghost.

SEVENTH ERROR. "That the doctrine of imputation, whether of the guilt of Adam's sin or of the righteousness of Christ, has no foundation in the word of God, and is both unjust and absurd."

TRUE DOCTRINE. The sin of Adam is not imputed to his posterity in the sense of a literal transfer of personal qualities, acts, and demerit; but by reason of the sin of Adam, in its peculiar relation, the race are treated as if they had sinned. Nor is the righteousness of Christ imputed to his people in the sense of a literal transfer of personal qualities, acts, and merit; but by reason of his righteousness, in his peculiar relation, they are treated as if they were righteous.

EIGHTH ERROR. "That the sufferings and death of Christ were not truly vicarious and penal, but symbolical, governmental, and instructive only."

TRUE DOCTRINE. The sufferings and death of Christ were not symbolical, governmental, and instructive only, but were truly vicarious—*i. e.* a substitute for the punishment due to transgressors. And while Christ did not suffer the literal penalty of the law, involving remorse of conscience and the pains of hell, he did offer a sacrifice which infinite Wisdom saw to be a full equivalent. And by virtue of this atonement overtures of mercy are sincerely made to the race and salvation secured to all who believe.

NINTH ERROR. "That the impenitent sinner is by nature, and independently of the renewing influence or almighty energy of the Holy Spirit, in full possession of all the ability necessary to a full compliance with all the commands of God."

TRUE DOCTRINE. While sinners have all the faculties necessary to a perfect moral agency and a just accountability, such is their love of sin and opposition to God and his law that, independently of the renewing influence or almighty energy of the Holy Spirit, they never will comply with the commands of God.

TENTH ERROR. "That Christ does not intercede for the elect until after their regeneration."

TRUE DOCTRINE. The intercession of Christ for the elect is previous as well as subsequent to their regeneration, as appears from the following Scripture, viz.: "I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me, for they are thine. Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word."

ELEVENTH ERROR. "That saving faith is not an effect of the operations of the Holy Spirit, but a mere rational belief of the truth or assent to the word of God."

TRUE DOCTRINE. Saving faith is an intelligent and cordial assent to the testimony of God concerning his Son, implying reliance on Christ alone for

pardon and eternal life; and in all cases it is an effect of the special operations of the Holy Spirit.

TWELFTH ERROR. "That regeneration is the act of the sinner himself, and that it consists in change of his governing purpose, which he himself must produce, and which is the result, not of any direct influence of the Holy Spirit on the heart, but chiefly of a persuasive exhibition of the truth, analogous to the influence which one man exerts over the mind of another; or that regeneration is not an instantaneous act, but a progressive work."

TRUE DOCTRINE. Regeneration is a radical change of heart produced by the special operations of the Holy Spirit, "determining the sinner to that which is good," and is in all cases instantaneous.

THIRTEENTH ERROR. "That God has done all that *he can do* for the salvation of all men, and that man himself must do the rest."

TRUE DOCTRINE. While repentance for sin and faith in Christ are indispensable to salvation, all who are saved are indebted from first to last to the grace and Spirit of God. And the reason that God does not save all is not that he wants the *power* to do it, but that in his wisdom he does not see fit to exert that power further than he actually does.

FOURTEENTH ERROR. "That God cannot exert such influence on the minds of men as shall make it certain that they will choose and act in a particular manner without impairing their moral agency."

TRUE DOCTRINE. While the liberty of the will is not impaired, nor the established connection betwixt means and end broken by any action of God on the mind, he can influence it according to his pleasure, and does effectually determine it to good in all cases of true conversion.

FIFTEENTH ERROR. "That the righteousness of Christ is not the sole ground of the sinner's acceptance with God, and that in no sense does the righteousness of Christ become ours."

TRUE DOCTRINE. All believers are justified, not on the ground of personal merit, but solely on the ground of the obedience and death, or, in other words, the righteousness, of Christ. And while that righteousness does not become theirs in the sense of a literal transfer of personal qualities and merit, yet from respect to it God can and does treat them as if they were righteous.

SIXTEENTH ERROR. "That the reason why some differ from others in regard to their reception of the gospel is that they make themselves to differ."

TRUE DOCTRINE. While all such as reject the gospel of Christ do it, not by coercion, but freely—and all who embrace it do it, not by coercion, but freely—the reason why some differ from others is that *God* has made them to differ.

Philadelphia, June 8th, 1837.

George Duffield, E. W. Gilbert, Thomas Brown, Bliss Burnap, N. S. S. Beman, E. Cheever, E. Seymour, George Painter, F. W. Graves, Obadiah Woodruff, N. C. Clark, Robert Stuart, Nahum Gould, Absalom Peters, Alexander Campbell.

ANSWER.

Mr. Plumer offered the following resolutions, which were adopted, viz.:

1. *Resolved*, That the paper just offered, purporting to be a Protest, though it contains several important misstatements of facts and much extraneous matter, be admitted to record without answer; the lateness of the period at which it is offered rendering it inconvenient to answer it, and the character of the paper rendering another disposition of it proper and necessary.

2. *Resolved*, That duly-certified copies of this paper be sent to the respect-

ive Presbyteries to which the signers of the Protest belong, calling their attention to the developments of theological views contained in it, and enjoining on them to inquire into the soundness of the faith of those who have ventured to make so strange avowals as some of these are.

Dr. Beman moved that the attention of all the Presbyteries be directed to this Protest.

The motion was lost.

Mr. Duffield introduced the following Protest, which was read, accepted, and ordered to be entered upon the minutes, as follows, viz.:

PROTEST.

The undersigned, members of the General Assembly, present the following Protest against the resolutions of the Assembly by which the Third Presbytery of Philadelphia has been dissolved, and for the following reasons:

1. Because the said resolutions are contrary to the acts of several successive General Assemblies, by which said Presbytery was, as we believe, constitutionally created and has been sustained. This Presbytery was formed by the General Assembly of 1832—justly said to have been one of the ablest Assemblies that ever sat in this city—and that, too, after long, full, and able discussion as to the constitutionality of creating it, the Assembly having deemed it the only effectual and constitutional way of suppressing the protracted and painful disputes among brethren in the Presbytery of Philadelphia. Nor was this done until the Synod had refused to take steps for the division of the Presbytery of Philadelphia, as directed by the Assembly of 1831, and the case had been brought up to the Assembly by complaint and petition and by the reference of the Synod. Subsequently, this Presbytery, having been dissolved by the Synod of Philadelphia, was restored by the Assembly in 1834. In 1836 the Assembly assigned geographical limits to this Presbytery, in the belief and with the general understanding that it was to terminate the dispute in relation to its alleged unconstitutional existence on the ground of elective affinity. Here it was hoped this Presbytery would have been permitted to pursue their labors without further molestation. We therefore regard it as not only doing injury to the Presbytery, but as being contrary to the repeatedly expressed decisions of the collected wisdom of the whole Church, and utterly subversive of all stability in our government, when the case had been fairly before them and fully discussed, again to disturb the organization of this Presbytery and agitate the churches of this city.

2. We protest against the dissolution of this Presbytery on the ground of its having been originally a mere elective affinity body, for this principle has been recognized and acted upon by the Presbyterian Church in this country for nearly a century as a means of terminating painful disputes among brethren of the same Presbytery. It is a thing of frequent occurrence to allow a minister unpleasantly situated, either from local circumstances or otherwise, to withdraw and connect himself with another Presbytery.

3. Because the objections urged against the existence of this Presbytery, on the ground of its alleged defective geographical limits, are wholly without foundation, inasmuch as the geographical boundaries are completely and *throughout its whole extent* accurately defined, so that its future operations are restricted within limits much more distinctly defined than either of the two other Presbyteries in this city.

4. We protest against the resolution because of its unconstitutionality, inasmuch as the Presbytery has been dissolved without being accused, cited,

tried, or condemned, and that, too, without any opportunity of defence, and in a manner as sudden and unexpected as it has been, in our apprehension, contrary to justice and right; and inasmuch as it may have the effect to exclude from the Presbyterian Church some of its ministers in good standing, without the benefit of those forms of justice which our Book of Discipline provides shall be respected in all processes affecting the reputation of ministers, and guarantees to all.

5. Because the resolution was passed after four Synods had been cut off, thus taking fifty-one Commissioners from the floor of the Assembly, and thus dismembering the body, which we feel to be the more grievous because, had the thing been attempted before such dismemberment, it could not have been carried.

6. We protest, finally, because of the contentions which we fear it will excite again in this city, and which we had hoped had happily ceased. The Presbytery was at peace and peacefully pursuing its course. Its plans of usefulness have thus been broken up. Its way is embarrassed. The churches under its care are thrown into perplexity and confusion, and in our apprehension serious injury will be inflicted on the interests of religion in this city.

Philadelphia, June 8th, 1837.

John P. Cleaveland, William Jessup, Robert Stuart, Frederick W. Graves, James I. Ostrom, E. W. Gilbert, E. Seymour, Ambrose White, George Painter, John L. Grant, N. C. Clark, E. Cheever, Bliss Burnap, George Duffield, T. D. Southworth, Thomas Brown, Burr Bradley, N. S. S. Beman, Alexander Campbell, John Mines, Absalom Peters, Jacob Faris, Samuel Reed, Wilfred Hall, Adam Miller.

ANSWER.

Mr. Plumer offered the following resolution, which was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the protest respecting the dissolution of the Third Presbytery of Philadelphia is sufficiently answered by stating that the reasonings which it contains are foreign from the grounds on which the question was decided; that the evidence before this Assembly, establishing the evil effects of the existence of this Presbytery, is ample; that the principle on which it was formed, and on which it has existed up to this time—viz. that of elective affinity—is now on all hands admitted to be unconstitutional; and lastly, that, being originally formed by the Assembly, none can question the right of that body to dissolve it whenever its continued existence is found to be injurious to truth and charity.

Mr. Jessup, from the committee on the report of the Trustees of the General Assembly, made a report recommending that the report be approved and printed in the Appendix to the Minutes. The report was adopted.

The committee on the report of the Directors of the Western Theological Seminary made a report, recommending the adoption of the two following resolutions, viz.:

1. *Resolved*, That the report of the Board of Directors be approved, and printed in the Appendix to the Minutes.

2. *Resolved*, That the sum of five thousand dollars be appropriated by this General Assembly for the different purposes of the Seminary the current year.

The report was adopted.

Dr. Green from the committee to answer the Protest against the resolu-

tions respecting the American Home Missionary Society and the American Education Society, made a report recommending that the Protest be entered on the minutes, accompanied with the Answer. The report was read, and the Protest and the Answer were ordered to be entered on the minutes, and are as follows, viz.:

PROTEST.

The undersigned, members of the General Assembly, deem it their duty respectfully to protest against a decision of the Assembly of June 2d relating to the American Home Missionary Society and the American Education Society, and for the following reasons:

1. *For many years these societies have existed and operated in our churches under the sanction of the Assembly.* Fostered by our judicatories and members in every quarter, they have grown steadily from the weakness of infancy to the size and vigor of manhood. They have fixed themselves in the confidence and affections of a great multitude, and become most extensively organs of action in two great departments of Christian benevolence. We think the Assembly, to be justified in now assuming an attitude of open hostility, ought to have very weighty reasons, and we do not believe that any such reasons exist. That these societies are corrupt, either in principle or management, so as to endanger the Presbyterian Church, there has not, in our judgment, been produced the shadow of evidence. On the other hand, we believe their designs to be pure, their management wise, and their influence immensely good in enlarging our Church and strengthening the cause of truth and holiness, and that therefore their operations ought to receive the continued encouragement of this Assembly.

2. *Said decision is regarded as interfering with the right of every individual in our Church to adopt his own way of doing good.* We know it does not stand in the form of positive prohibition. It is, nevertheless, an expression of decided disapprobation. And it will be understood by many, we doubt not, as more than intimating that for any inferior judicatories, ministers, elders, or private members to encourage those societies will be an ecclesiastical offence. And multitudes must either lie under odium in view of a portion of the Church or abandon two of the most important enterprises of the age, or else aid them in a form which does not accord with their choice and their deliberate convictions of duty. We regard the resolution as oppressive. We claim it as the right of every judicatory, officer, and private individual in the Church to select objects of benevolence, and to determine the channel in which that benevolence shall flow. And we solemnly protest against any act of the Assembly whose influence must go to abridge this liberty, and which, we think, must be seen to be the act referred to.

3. We protest against the decision, *because of its injurious bearing on a multitude of ministers, churches, and young men preparing for the sacred office.* More than four hundred ambassadors of Christ within our bounds depend on one of these societies for a part of their support. Many more than this number of churches depend on the same society for the stated ordinances of the gospel. And scores of youth, struggling for the ministry, are looking to the other society for the means of going forward. It is the tendency and may be the effect of this resolution to keep back youth of promise from the holy office, to divert the ministry from its proper work and push it into secular occupations for the means of living, to break up pastoral relations, and take the bread of life from many an infant church in the new settlements of our country. We think it cannot with any propriety be said that these ministers and churches and young men may look to other sources for aid.

What security is there that the necessary aid will be afforded? and, if afforded, that it would come from a source and in a way equally grateful to their feelings?

4. We protest against the resolution, *as adapted to embarrass two of the greatest enterprises of the age and world.* A pious and able ministry is vital to the existence of our country and the salvation of the human race. To provide such a ministry for our land and the whole earth is the aim of these institutions. In prosecution of this aim they have already accomplished much. Many of the brightest lights of the Church at home and abroad, and many of its brightest triumphs, are fruits of their labors. If unobstructed in their operations they must rapidly advance in efficiency, and in our judgment they promise infinite blessings to the nation and to all mankind. We think that institutions of such generous aim and such achievements, and at such a time as this, ought to have some very great and obvious imperfection in organization or management to justify any act calculated to impair public confidence and cripple their efforts and limit their usefulness. Such imperfection in these societies we cannot discern. And while our older as well as new settlements are filled with feeble churches and wide moral wastes, and whole empires are sunk in pagan abominations and hopelessness, we cannot look at the late action of the Assembly touching these institutions without deep pain, nor suffer it to pass without kind but decided remonstrance.

5. We protest against the resolution referred to, *because founded, as we believe, on misapprehension as to the responsibility of said societies.* Their funds are all the free-will offerings of the Christian public. Their officers are all elected annually by the members of the societies. Their operations are all subject to the strictest review. Their beneficiaries before admitted to patronage are recommended and examined by committees entitled to confidence and scattered all over the land. Their ministers in the field are members of our own ecclesiastical bodies or of others in correspondence with us, by the very terms of their appointment giving all the security for sound orthodoxy and ecclesiastical order which the constitution of the Church affords. And we cannot discern any possible hazard arising from lack of responsibility. Indeed, we believe that in all respects the responsibility is equally perfect with that of the two Boards of the Assembly, and much more direct and unembarrassed; and at the same time all history lifts its voice against a concentration of pecuniary power and ecclesiastical judicatories or church courts. The immediate management of all such institutions must of necessity rest with a few, and the responsibility and incidental influence of the officers be great. But in this land of intelligence and wakeful jealousy as to civil and religious rights there can in our judgment be no reasonable apprehension from these institutions.

For these reasons we think the act referred to not only unnecessary, injurious, and unjust, so far as relates to the institutions concerned, but a permanent reproach to the Presbyterian Church in view of other churches in our own country and throughout the world. And therefore we desire to record on the minutes of the Assembly our solemn Protest against it.

June 5th, 1837.

Absalom Peters, J. W. M'Cullough, E. Seymour, N. S. S. Beman, John L. Grant, Baxter Dickinson, Thomas M'Auley, John P. Cleaveland, E. W. Gilbert, Robert Stuart, Philip C. Hay, George Duffield, Timothy Stillman, John B. Richardson, S. W. May, James I. Ostrom, R. Campbell, E. Cheever, Obadiah Woodruff, Adam Miller, William Jessup, James R. Gibson, Daniel Sayre, Ambrose White, Wilfred Hall, Jacob Faris, Alexander Campbell,

John S. Martin, Ira M. Wead, Samuel Reed, Bennet Roberts, P. W. Warriner, B. Dolbear, Horace Bushnell, S. Benjamin, Burr Bradley, Nathaniel C. Clark, Nahum Gould, Frederick W. Graves, W. C. Wisner, George Painter, Thomas Brown, F. A. M'Corkle, Ephraim Cutler, John M'Sween, Dewey Whitney, Edwin Holt, Enoch Kingsbury, Calvin Cutler, Bliss Burnap, T. D. Southworth, Darius O. Griswold, David Porter, Jonathan Cone, Zina Whittlesey, Marcus Smith, Horace Hunt, William B. Stow, Ira Pettibone, Ammi Doubleday, William Roy, Thomas Lounsbury, John Gridley, Abner Hollister, Washington Thatcher, H. S. Walbridge, Silas West, John M. Rowland, George E. Delavan, Fayette Shipherd, E. M. Gregory, George Spalding, Solomon Stevens, Henry Brewster, Merit Harmon, Felix Tracy, J. B. Preston, John M. Cunningham, John Crawford, James Carnahan, John Leonard, Jacob Gideon, James W. Phillips.

ANSWER.

In answer to the above Protest against the resolution of the Assembly which declares that "the organization and operation of the so-called American Home Missionary Society and American Education Society, and its branches, of whatever name, are exceedingly injurious to the peace and purity of the Presbyterian Church,"—and which also recommends that "they should cease to operate within any of our churches," the Assembly replies, that the *first* reason of the Protest—viz. that "for many years these societies have existed and operated in our churches under the sanction of the Assembly"—furnishes no ground why that sanction should any longer be afforded to them if the Assembly be satisfied that their action upon the true interests of the Presbyterian Church is highly injurious. On the contrary, it was the duty of the Assembly to hasten as soon as it could to repair, as far as possible, the serious evils which have resulted from its former mistakes upon this point. Of the existence of these evils the Assembly has had sufficient evidence before it to justify fully the expression of disapproval conveyed in the resolution complained of. The *organization* of these institutions is defective, and their *management* has been such as to awaken many and just apprehensions that they are designed, upon the part of some, to break down our own Boards and to introduce and propagate opinions at war with the standards of our Church. The recorded sentiments of the principal organ of one of these institutions, the American Home Missionary Society, show that the existence of our own Board of Missions is considered incompatible with the action of the voluntary society; and that such is still the opinion of the advocates of the latter society is manifest from the deliberate attempt made by them, during the last Assembly, to revolutionize or cripple the action of our own Board by introducing into it men known to be hostile to its existence.

Second. In reply to the second reason—viz. that "said decision is regarded as interfering with the right of every individual in our Church to adopt his own way of doing good"—the Assembly denies any such inference. They regard their resolution simply as the expression of their collective opinion upon a subject of great practical moment, coupled with an earnest recommendation to the above associations to withdraw from operating in the churches of our denomination. If the General Assembly be, as the constitution makes it, "the bond of union, peace, correspondence, and mutual confidence among all our churches," surely it not only has a right, but is *bound*, to recommend to the churches what will promote "union, peace, and mutual confidence," and remove the contrary evils. If freed from foreign inter-

ference, the Assembly believes that the churches would find no difficulty whatever in contributing to the two great departments of missions and education through the medium of the long-established, safe, and efficient organizations of the Church. Nor can they conceive any reason why Presbyterians should hesitate to do this as soon as they contrast the principles and modes of action of the responsible and irresponsible organizations. The Assembly have no inclination to dictate to any individual how he shall give or what amount he shall give, but would earnestly recommend to all to give wisely, and in such manner as to sustain and not undermine the Church with which they have entered into covenant.

Third. To the third reason they reply, in affirmation to the questions of the protestants themselves, "The necessary aid WILL be afforded;" and, if afforded, the Assembly can see no reason why the aid furnished by *the Church* to its ministers, feeble congregations, and youth should be considered as coming "from a SOURCE or in a WAY" less "grateful to their feelings" than the aid which comes from any other hands.

That man can have no very strong predilections for his own Church who, rather than receive aid from it, would apply to a society that professed to belong to no denomination in particular, and that has never to this day given any pledge to the Church what system of doctrine it will maintain.

It is insinuated by the signers of the Protest that the "*way*" in which the Board of Education affords aid to its candidates will be less grateful to their feelings than the way in which it is given by the American Education Society. *Their way* is one of our most serious objections to the whole system, viz.: requiring of the young men bonds to refund all they have received in a short time after entering the ministry.

Above all other men, ministers and candidates for the ministry should shrink with horror from the idea of contracting a debt without any visible resources to meet it.

We object most solemnly to a system which subjects so large a portion of the ministry of our Church to the control of a power without the Church.

The system of our own Board binds our young ministers only in the bonds of gratitude. If any one chooses to consider what he receives as a loan, and God puts it in his power afterward to furnish an equal sum to aid others, it will be to his honor that he has done it freely; but if otherwise he will never be compelled so to shape his course in the ministry as may best enable him to raise money to pay a debt under which he groans, being burdened; nor will he find the proverb exemplified in himself, "The borrower is servant to the lender."

Fourth. To the fourth reason of the Protest the Assembly replies that it would seem as if the signers of that Protest supposed that the object of the resolution was to overthrow the great enterprises of benevolence, domestic missions, and education; whereas the action of the Assembly respects altogether *the mode of conducting* those enterprises. It is hoped and believed that this Assembly will not be behind the protesters in this case in zeal for the spread of *divine truth*. But they desire that in carrying on these great enterprises the churches may not be misled to adopt a system of action which may be perverted to the spread of *error*. To those who are so anxious for the advancement of truth, as we have received it in the standards of our beloved Church, we earnestly recommend the authorized and responsible agencies of the Church. If they were once delivered from the ceaseless efforts which have been made to cripple their efficiency, impair their character, and withdraw from them the contributions of our own churches, why may they not afford a delightful channel for the benevolence of all who love the Presbyterian name?

Fifth. The last reason of the Protest is that the resolution of the Assembly is founded upon misapprehension of the responsibility of said societies. To this is replied that societies organized as these are *rarely exercise any control*, but leave the management entirely to those who are appointed for that purpose; and in the election of officers those nominated by the secretary or the officers for the time being are uniformly elected, and it would be deemed a breach of decorum for any one to make a different nomination. The only control, therefore, that individuals or even communities can exercise is to withhold their contributions; but they must do this silently or they will be held up as the enemies of these great schemes of benevolence, as is clearly exemplified in the above Protest in regard to this Assembly.

It is admitted that their funds are, in some sense, the free-will offerings of the churches; but efforts are continually making by the agents and friends of these societies to divert the benefactions of our own churches from the channels which the Church has made for them. Our own Boards are excluded, almost uniformly, from all the churches where these societies gain admittance; and it is not doubted that they desire the exclusion of our Board, for they admit that the operation of two similar institutions in the same field *is an evil;* and to whom are they responsible for all this? Individuals may cease to contribute to their funds, that is all. When a large convention was held in Cincinnati, in which a great portion of the Presbyteries in the Valley of the Mississippi was represented, and it was voted by an overwhelming majority, that it was expedient our domestic missions should be conducted by our own Board, did the American Home Missionary Society acknowledge any right in the representatives of these Presbyteries to control their operations? The subsequent history of the contentions and strifes in that region, growing out of the rival action of those two institutions, affords a mournful comment on their irresponsible character.

The protestants say, in regard to these societies, "Their operations are all subject to the strictest review." Review! By whom? By the Presbyterian Church? Some of us have sought in vain, in their published documents, for satisfactory evidence that they were managed with propriety. But how should an institution which has the centre of its operations in New England hold itself responsible to the Presbyterian Church? But in regard to our own Board of Education the Assembly has *required* it to submit for the inspection of its members a detailed account of its candidates by name, their places of study, amount received, etc. etc.; and they were bound to obey, for had they refused obedience the Assembly might at once have dissolved them. Does the American Education Society or any of its branches feel responsibilities like these?

But these societies, from the very nature of their organization, are not Presbyterian institutions, while our own Boards are strictly so. The American Home Missionary Society is composed of various denominations of Christians, and the American Education Society educates professedly Arminians as well as Calvinists, for it aids Methodists, Cumberland Presbyterians, and Lutherans; and yet the protestants talk of "giving all the security for sound orthodoxy and ecclesiastical order which the constitution of the Church affords." Surely they do not mean that it is *Presbyterian orthodoxy and order.*

Moreover, they sustain beneficiaries at Oberlin and Yale and other theological institutions where doctrines are taught diametrically opposed to our standards; and where is their responsibility to the Presbyterian Church? Certainly they do not acknowledge themselves responsible to this Assembly. Their friends in the above Protest expressly deny this responsibility in their second reason, viz.: that the action of this Assembly "is regarded as inter-

fering with the right of every individual in our Church to adopt his own way of doing good." Therefore, no matter how they abuse the liberty and the recommendations given them, the Assembly have no right to watch over the churches and warn them of danger, and point out to them a more safe channel through which their bounty may flow to bless those who are ready to perish. This may be viewed as their own denial of responsibility to this body, for the first signature is that of the corresponding secretary of the American Home Missionary Society. But although this Assembly cannot reach them as it can its own Boards, it holds them responsible and warns the churches of the danger of countenancing them.

We are aware that there is danger both to Church and State from large moneyed institutions, but this surely does not prove that both Church and State should refuse to countenance the establishment of all institutions which require funds for their support. With the exception of a small fund raised many years ago for missionary purposes our Boards expect to have no permanent funds, but spend from year to year what the Church entrusts them with. But the American Education Society has permanent funds, as we understand, which are continually increasing by this refunding system as well as by donations; and the calculations of this increase, *made by themselves*, are truly alarming. But they are the very same kind of men, ministers and elders, who manage the pecuniary affairs both of voluntary associations and ecclesiastical boards, and sometimes the very same individuals. Is there no danger to the Church when they are sitting as a board of managers, but certain ruin when they come together as rulers in the house of God? The General Assembly, however, as an ecclesiastical body, do not manage the education and missionary funds, but simply appoint persons to do it; and certainly they are as competent to do this as any promiscuous assembly by which a board of managers is elected.

In answer to a request of the Stated Clerk for direction in making out the General Statistical Table for the current year, the Assembly ordered that he should insert in that table the statistics in his hands for the past year of those judicatories that have been declared by the General Assembly to be no longer parts of the Presbyterian Church, and to insert a marginal note to this effect; and that hereafter the statistics of those judicatories will not appear in the general table published by the General Assembly.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be authorized to sell copies of the printed Minutes at fifty cents each.

Mr. Breckinridge, from the committee to prepare a letter to be addressed to all the churches of Jesus Christ throughout the earth, made a report, which was read, accepted, adopted, and ordered to be printed in the Appendix to the Minutes, by yeas and nays, as follows, viz.:

Yeas—Messrs. Platt, Leggett, R. I. Crawford, J. R. Johnson, Frame, Goldsmith, Potts, Murray, B. M'Dowell, A. Alexander, William Wilson, Woodhull, Junkin, Lowe, Dorrance, Green, Latta, Symington, Cuyler, Darrach, Davie, Penny, Hamilton, Breckinridge, Hickson, M. B. Patterson, Creigh, Fullerton, Williamson, Long, J. H. Grier, Hughes, Annan, Hervey, Slagle, Baird, J. W. Johnston, Lowrie, Hannah, Stratton, Adair, Tait, M'Crackin, Van Deman, W. Patterson, M'Combs, Torrance, Crane, J. Coe, Marquis, H. Patton, Blythe, Marshall, Stafford, W. K. Stewart, Chamberlain, Hopkins, C. S. Todd, Irwin, Hendren, Moore, Morrison, Alexander, Fitzgerald, Baxter, Plumer, M'Queen, Potter, Pharr, Andrews, D. Brown, Galbraith, Sloss, Leatch, Hodge, Ross, Simpson, Thornwell, J. Witherspoon, Coit, Leland, E. White, Pratt, J. M'Dowell, T. S. Witherspoon, N. R. Morgan, D. Johnson, Banks, J. Smylie, N. Smylie—90.

NAYS—Messrs. Southworth, Burnap, Beman, Ostrom, Peters, Johnson, Schenck, Cheever, Seymour, Woodruff, A. Miller, Jessup, Grant, A. White, Duffield, Hall, Gilbert, Faris, A. Campbell, Cleaveland, R. Stuart, Reed, Bushnell, Bradley, Clark, Gould, Graves, Painter, T. Brown—29.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Circular Epistle adopted by this Assembly, and the Pastoral Letter to the churches under their care, be printed in pamphlet form, in such number of copies as shall be judged to be proper by the Moderator and the Stated and Permanent Clerks of this House.

Bills were presented for contingent expenses, viz.:

For services of Permanent Clerk and Janitors, printing and stationery, amounting to	$128 02
For the use of the Seventh Church for the sessions of the Assembly,	100 00
	$228 02

The Trustees were directed to pay the above bills, amounting to $228.02.

Dr. Beman introduced the following Protest, which was read, accepted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes, viz.:

PROTEST.

The undersigned, members of the General Assembly, enter their solemn and decided Protest against the act of the Assembly by which the Synods of Utica, Geneva, and Genesee have been declared to be out of the ecclesiastical connection of the Presbyterian Church.

For this Protest we assign, before the Church and its great Head, the following reasons:

1. The resolutions of the Assembly declare the "Plan of Union" with the General Association of Connecticut to have been unconstitutional, and assign the *abrogation* of that Plan as a leading reason for declaring these Synods out of our connection; whereas, in the estimation of the undersigned, not a single provision of the constitution was violated by that Plan.

2. It appears to the undersigned that even if the Plan of Union had been unconstitutional, its abrogation could not annul the solemn compacts which were ratified by this Plan between the General Assembly and the General Association as contracting parties in that Plan.

3. Least of all, in the estimation of the undersigned, could *the abrogation* of the Plan of Union interfere with the constitutional existence of whole Synods; for such Synods could not, in the nature of the case, be "*formed and attached to this body under and in execution of said Plan*," as declared in the resolutions. The only connection which Synods could have with this Plan was to permit churches of a peculiar organization to be attached to the Presbyteries under their care, and this was done in the Synods of Utica, Geneva, and Genesee by successive acts of the Assembly.

4. The resolutions charge these Synods with "*gross disorders*," in direct violation of the principles of the constitution and the rules adopted by the Assembly.

5. The resolutions assert "that even the Plan of Union itself was never consistently carried into effect by those professing to act under it," and that this fact was "*made clear to us*," while not a particle of evidence to this effect was exhibited.

6. The charge of heresy is strongly implied, and that, too, in no doubtful terms, in the fourth resolution against the great body of churches and ministers in these three Synods. Not more than "*one or two Presbyteries*," of all the number embraced in these Synods, are represented as "*strictly Presbyterian in doctrine and order*." This virtual charge of heresy against the

remainder is a violation of the constitution, which is intended to protect ministerial character (Book of Discipline).

7. The whole matter embraced in these resolutions was, by a vote of the Assembly, in the hands of a committee, and the Synods were declared out of our connection before the committee had reported to the House.

8. The undersigned deem this act a dismemberment of the Presbyterian Church, and adapted in its character and effects to produce disorganization and ruin in our beloved Zion.

9. We add that these Synods were regularly constituted before the adoption of the constitution of the Presbyterian Church in its present form, and their Presbyteries joined in its adoption, and these Synods have contributed largely to the funds of the Presbyterian Church.

10. The Assembly admitted, while the resolutions were under discussion, various accusations to be stated against these Synods, while they were not on trial, and could, in the nature of the case, have no opportunity for defence.

Lastly. We further protest against this act because it was done after one whole Synod had been unconstitutionally declared out of our Church, and were deprived of a vote in the case; and this act must consequently be null and void.

David Porter, Nathan S. S. Beman, William Jessup, James W. Phillips, John P. Cleaveland, Baxter Dickinson, Thomas Brown, E. W. Gilbert, F. W. Graves, Robert Stuart, Absalom Peters, Jonathan Cone, Burr Bradley, Samuel W. May, E. Seymour, H. Bushnell, Solomon Stevens, Daniel Sayre, Adam Miller, John Crawford, J. W. Cunningham, N. E. Johnson, John Leonard, Nahum Gould, Wilfred Hall, Nathaniel C. Clark, Jacob Faris, Ambrose White, Tertius D. Southworth, George Duffield, Bliss Burnap, J. W. M'Cullough, D. O. Griswold, E. Cheever, Obadiah Woodruff.

ANSWER.

Mr. Plumer offered the following resolution, which was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the Protest just offered contains no misstatement, reasoning, or principle which has not been fully and fairly met and answered in the Answers to other Protests against votes of this House; and therefore, for an answer, we refer to the Answer to the Protest respecting the abrogation of the Plan of Union, and also to the Answer to the Protest of members of the Synod of the Western Reserve, and to the Answer to the Protest of certain members of the Synods of Genesee, Utica, and Geneva.

Dr. Peters offered a Protest against the adoption of the Circular Epistle, which was read and received, and, on motion of Mr. Breckinridge, was laid on the table.

Dr. Cuyler, from the committee appointed to consider and report to the Assembly on the subject of citing inferior judicatories, presented a report, which was amended and adopted, and is as follows, viz.:

The committee believe that, for the present, there is no urgent necessity to cite any inferior judicatories; and after what has been done toward the reform of the Church during the present sessions of the General Assembly they believe it will be best to wait for a time without further decisive action in the hope that those portions of the Church against which serious charges are still made by common fame will see the necessity of taking order on the subject, and doing without delay what truth and righteousness may require of them.

We deem it proper, however, to say, that several of the Synods are so

seriously charged in several respects that this Assembly would be wanting in faithfulness to itself, to them, and to the cause of Christ, as well as to the principles of justice and fair dealing in carrying out its own principles, if it did not specially urge several of them to give prompt and particular attention to certain matters in which they, or some of their Presbyteries or churches, are specially charged. We, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolutions, viz.:

1. *Resolved*, That the Synods of Albany and New Jersey be enjoined to take special order in regard to the subject of irregularities in church order charged by common fame upon some of their Presbyteries and churches.

2. That the Synod of Michigan be enjoined to take special order in regard to the subject of errors in doctrine, so charged upon all its Presbyteries.

3. That the Synod of Cincinnati be enjoined to take special order in regard to errors in doctrine, so charged as being connived at by several of its Presbyteries and held by some of its members.

4. That the Synod of Illinois be enjoined to take special order in regard to errors in church order and errors in doctrine, so charged upon several of its Presbyteries.

5. That besides the general reference to the word of God and our standards, we refer the Synods above named to the testimony of this General Assembly as to the nature of the errors and irregularities intended by it in these resolutions. And said Synods are enjoined to take order on the subjects now referred to them for consideration and action at their first stated meeting after this Assembly adjourns, and to report their doings herein, with whatever else seems to them necessary to elucidate the whole subject, in writing to the next General Assembly.

6. And the said five Synods are especially enjoined, and all other Synods in our bounds are required, to cause to be laid before the next General Assembly, as far as possible, copies of all the abbreviated creeds and church covenants in use amongst their churches; which subject is also particularly commended to all our Presbyteries, both in relation to the present demand and with reference to the testimony of this Assembly on that subject.

The Assembly took up the report of the committee to examine the reports of the Presbyteries respecting certain changes of the constitution overtured by the last two General Assemblies; and it was

Resolved, That the following overture be sent down to *all* the Presbyteries, for their adoption or rejection, viz.:

"*Resolved*, That so much of the constitution of the Church as empowers the General Assembly to issue appeals, complaints, and references brought before them from the lower judicatories, except in cases of charges against a minister of the gospel for error or heresy, and of process commencing in the Synods, be and the same is hereby so amended that hereafter the Synods, except in the cases above mentioned, be the judicatories of the last resort."

Resolved, That *all* the Presbyteries be directed to report on the foregoing overture, in writing, to the next General Assembly.

The report of the committee on Overture No. 10, viz.: from the Presbytery of Union on the subject of education, was taken up, and the committee were discharged.

Resolved, That the Trustees of the General Assembly be authorized, if it be necessary, to raise by loan a sufficient sum of money to pay for printing the Minutes and the contingent expenses of the Assembly.

The committee to whom the Narrative of the State of Religion had been recommitted made a report, and their report was adopted; and it was ordered that the Narrative be printed in the Appendix to the Minutes.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Assembly will not send delegates to the corresponding bodies this year.

On motion of Mr. Potter,

Resolved, That the thanks of this General Assembly be presented to the citizens of Philadelphia for their kind hospitality to the members.

On motion of Mr. Lowrie,

Resolved, That the thanks of the General Assembly be returned to the Board of Inspectors of the Eastern Penitentiary for their invitation to visit that institution; and also to the Directors of the Institution for the Blind for their invitation to visit that institution.

The Stated Clerk, with Dr. Cuyler and Mr. Grant, were appointed a committee to revise the Minutes and prepare them for publication.

Resolved, That calling the roll previously to dissolving the Assembly be dispensed with.

The Assembly having finished their business, it was

Resolved, That this General Assembly be dissolved, and that another General Assembly, chosen in like manner, be required to meet in the Seventh Presbyterian Church, in the city of Philadelphia, on the third Thursday of May, 1838, at 11 o'clock A. M.

The Moderator dissolved the Assembly accordingly, with prayer.

APPENDIX.

PASTORAL LETTER TO THE CHURCHES UNDER THE CARE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Dear Brethren:

As the doings of the present General Assembly have been of an unusual character, and such as may produce important consequences, we think it proper to lay an abstract of our decisions and the reasons of them before the churches under our care. Discerning men have perceived for a number of years that the affairs of our beloved Church were hastening to a crisis; and when the members of the present Assembly came together, the state of parties was such as to make it manifest that a division of the Church was the most desirable object that could be effected. What are called the Old School and New School parties are already separated in fact; in almost every part of our country where those parties exist they have less ministerial or Christian communion with one another than either of those parties have with Christians of other denominations; and they are so equally balanced in point of power that for years past it has been uncertain, until the General Assembly was fully organized, which of those parties would predominate in that body.

From these circumstances, as well as from other things not necessary to mention, it is known to our brethren that the floor of our highest judicatory, as well as of our Synods and Presbyteries, has for years presented scenes of contention and strife such as many of us never expected to witness in the Presbyterian Church, and such as are highly disgraceful to our Christian character. This spirit of contention deprives the Church of all power for maintaining the purity of her standards and securing that wholesome instruction, either in our pulpits or presses, which would conduce to the edification of the body of Christ; and until the parties are separated and formed into

different denominations there is no ground of hope that these contentions can be terminated.

So fully was this Assembly convinced that a separation of the parties was the only cure for the evils under which we labor that a committee was appointed by common consent, composed of equal numbers from the different sides of the House, to adjust if possible the terms of an amicable division of the Church into two separate and independent denominations. This joint committee agreed upon the principles of the division, but could not agree upon the form. It was admitted on all hands that the Old School party should retain the name and the funds of the Church, and especially all the funds and property connected with the Theological Seminaries at Princeton and Pittsburgh. But on the mode of separation the committee could not agree. The New School party would consent to no other plan than that of referring it to the Presbyteries, in order to have the division made by the next General Assembly. To this plan the other party thought there were insuperable objections. It was believed that, our Presbyteries being so widely dispersed, the returns from them would be uncertain; that many things might occur to defeat the arrangement; and that, as the probable result, the parties would come to the next Assembly with more determination to contend for the power and government of the whole Church than on any former occasion.

On reviewing the causes from which our troubles have arisen, another plan presented itself to the view of the majority, which appeared better calculated to effect in a peaceable manner that division of the Church which all seemed to consider as a matter of indispensable necessity. The contentions which distract the Church evidently arose from the Plan of Union formed in 1801 between the General Assembly and the Association of Connecticut. This Plan was indeed projected and brought into operation by some of the wisest and best men the Presbyterian Church has ever known, and it evidently originated from the purest and most benevolent motives. It has, however, been disastrous in its effects. We mean no disrespect to the Congregationalists of New England as such—indeed, there is no denomination of Christians beyond the pale of our own Church whom we esteem and love more sincerely—and yet we believe that the attempt, by this Plan of Union, to bring Congregationalists and Presbyterians into the same denomination has been the principal cause of those dissensions which now distract and rend the Church to pieces.

We allude to these circumstances merely for the purpose of explaining the only remedy which appears applicable to our present troubles. The Plan of Union adopted in 1801 was evidently unconstitutional in its nature, and of a tendency to subvert the institutions and distinctive character of the Presbyterian Church; and, such being the fact, it was certainly the duty of the present Assembly to abrogate said Plan and to declare it void from the beginning. From this act of abrogation, and from the declaration that it was void from the beginning, it would necessarily follow that the churches, Presbyteries, and Synods formed under said Plan were of course not to be considered as parts of the Presbyterian Church. From this view of the subject it appears that the *separation* so necessary for the well-being of the Presbyterian Church exists already, and that we have nothing to do but to act on the facts of the case to secure our tranquillity.

In the first place, we have said that the act of Union of 1801 was unconstitutional. It will be admitted that the most fundamental and sound parts of the constitution of any community are those parts which form the legislative and judicial councils of the community and designate the qualifications of the members of said councils. These are parts of the government in all

societies deemed too sacred to be touched by any authority, excepting that which can make and unmake the constitution at its pleasure. Should any authority in the United States assume to introduce into the State legislatures or Congress men not constitutionally qualified, and who were subjects of another political power, the alarm would be given at once that a most violent outrage had been inflicted on our governments and our rights. And, although we would say it with respect, yet we *must say*, that this was the very thing which the act of 1801 effected in the constitution of the Presbyterian Church. By *that act* committee-men belonging to the Congregational Church, and under its government, were introduced into our Presbyteries, and, by the subsequent execution of the act, into our Synods and our General Assembly. Men who were under the authority of a body without our Church exercised the highest power of the Church. This was a most palpable infraction of our constitution.

In the next place, all the churches formed and constituted under the operation of this *act* were at least as much trained in doctrine and church order on the Congregational as on the Presbyterian plan, and had just as much preparation for becoming members of a Congregational as of a Presbyterian church; and therefore any subsequent acts of any of our judicatories forming such churches into Presbyteries or Synods, and connecting them with us as constituent parts of our body, were unconstitutional. This has been the source of all our present evils: the raising up of Presbyteries and Synods out of men who had at least as much of the Congregational as Presbyterian character has scattered the elements of discord through all our regions and torn our afflicted Church to pieces. These, indeed, were consequences not perceived from the beginning; it required the light of experience to teach us that the amalgamation of such bodies as the Congregational and Presbyterian would produce a ferment sufficient to agitate the whole American nation.

Having traced thus far the unconstitutional and pernicious tendency of this *act*, it only remains to say that when this act is abrogated by the proper authority, as a matter of course everything which arose under its influence and training is abrogated with it. This, we presume, is the ground on which all the jurisprudence of our country stands, and upon which all our political courts and legislatures act. It has indeed been said that when an unconstitutional law forms a contract, the abrogation of the law cannot set the contract aside, as this would suppose that a person might take the advantage of his own wrong to relieve himself from a just obligation. But to this it may be answered that an unconstitutional law can give rise to no binding contract. The unconstitutionality supposes that the organ of government is granting what it has no right to grant, and therefore no obligation can be imposed. But in the present case the *act in question* goes to the subversion of the Presbyterian Church, and therefore any contract which could arise under it calculated to destroy that Church would be of such an immoral tendency as could impose no obligation. It is one of the first principles of morals that an unlawful contract is not to be fulfilled.

It, then, appears plain to us that by the abrogation of the act of 1801 the Synods of the Western Reserve, Utica, Genesee, and Geneva are independent bodies, standing on their own ground, and free to choose their future connections, and that thus far a separation exists between us and them which may greatly conduce to the peace and comfort of both parties; and as both the majority and minority agree in expressing the opinion that a division of the Church in conformity with the sympathies of the present parties was both desirable and expedient, we were much surprised to find that the minority would not agree with us in carrying out the existing separation, so as to form

the Church into two distinct bodies, either of which would be sufficiently large to form a General Assembly, and which might act peaceably in promoting the common interest of our Redeemer's kingdom. In our present connection there is no hope of peace. The controversy threatens to become more fierce, more extensive, and more destructive of all the vital principles of religion the longer we continue together. Indeed, the great motives for all the measures of separation to which we have resorted on the present occasion are the peace, prosperity, and holiness of our beloved Church; and these objects, we believe, can never be obtained until this separation is effected.

Our brethren of the minority seemed to consider it as an insult when we urged the fact that the abrogation of an unconstitutional law left us as distinct and separate bodies; we intended no insult; the ground we took and the language we used implied none: we only said that they were separate from us, and we from them; if this implied disgrace on them, it implied the same on ourselves; we wished both parties to consider themselves as on equal ground; and as to the unconstitutional law from which all our misapprehensions had arisen, we were willing that the greater blame should lie on us. In fact, our wish was and is to part as brethren, and as in certain important points of doctrine and church order we cannot agree, let each party take the word of God as their rule of faith and practice, and pursue their course as those who must give account to the great Shepherd and Bishop of their souls.

We have now, dear brethren, briefly explained the reasons for the course we have taken on the present occasion, and we believe it would have been a blessing to our Church if the measures now adopted had been resorted to at an earlier period. The progress of controversy has greatly destroyed brotherly confidence. Indeed, the union between the parties for several years has only existed in name; in fact, they have been two separate bodies, and we believe the sooner they are brought to consider themselves as forming distinct denominations, the sooner will they return to the spirit and principles of the gospel of Christ.

We must observe, in conclusion, that on whatever side the principal fault of our present disturbances may lie, the whole Church has abundant cause of deep humiliation and repentance before Almighty God. Our calamities have not arisen from the dust; our heavenly Father has stretched forth his hand over us, and let us acknowledge "the rod and Him that hath appointed it." Let us return to him that he may return to us; if he has wounded, it is he alone that can heal; if he hath broken down, he can build us up.

By order of the General Assembly.

DAVID ELLIOTT, *Moderator.*

JOHN M'DOWELL, *Stated Clerk.*

Philadelphia, June 8th, 1837.

CIRCULAR LETTER.

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America to all the churches of Jesus Christ wish grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, through the Eternal Spirit.

VERY DEAR BRETHREN:

Assembled, by the good providence of God, as the supreme judicatory of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, constituting by our ecclesiastical organization not only "the bond of union, peace, correspondence, and mutual confidence among all our churches," but also the only organ "of

correspondence with foreign churches," we cannot consent to separate, after the unusually long, interesting, and important session which we are about to close, without pouring out the fullness of our hearts in reference to the weighty matters concerning which we have been called to act since we came together, into the ears and bosoms of all other Christian churches, and especially those with which we are in friendly correspondence.

You cannot be ignorant, dear brethren, that for a number of years past the friends of truth and of regular Presbyterian order in our beloved Zion have been filled with painful apprehensions at the manifest departure from our ecclesiastical standards which appeared to be gaining ground in a number of our judicatories. Firmly believing that the great purpose for which the Church was founded was that she might maintain in their purity the doctrines and discipline of Christ, and hold them forth to a dark world, we have thought ourselves called upon to make inquiry respecting the errors and disorders alleged to exist, and as far as possible to banish them from that portion of the professing family of Christ with which we are connected. You have witnessed for a number of successive years our struggles for the attainment of this object. You have witnessed the mortifying disappointments which, from time to time, have attended our efforts to obtain, by constitutional means, a redress of the grievances of which we complained. You have seen what we regard as error becoming more extensive in its prevalence and more bold and overbearing in its claims. You have seen certain voluntary societies, under the cover of professed zeal for the doctrines and order of our Church, in fact if not in intention gradually subverting both. You have heard the motives of the friends of truth reproached, their name cast out as evil, their zeal for maintaining the purity of the gospel represented as a mere struggle for power, and all their attempts to detect and censure heresy held up to public view as the efforts of restless and ambitious men to gain the pre-eminence for themselves. Amidst these ineffectual attempts to banish error and to restore order vital piety has languished; mutual confidence has disappeared; the reviving and converting influences of the Holy Spirit have been withheld; and our time and strength have been painfully occupied with strife and debate, instead of being wholly given to the spread of the gospel and the conversion of the world.

We shall not stop to inquire by whose agency or by what steps this state of things has been produced. The adjustment of the proper award in regard to this question might be deemed an invidious task and fail of commanding universal assent. But on the deplorable character of the situation in which we were placed there can be but one opinion. Over our conflicts every friend of religion has mourned, every intelligent member of the Presbyterian Church has felt grieved and humbled, and we were becoming a reproach among all surrounding denominations. To every enlightened beholder it has been long manifest that parties so heterogeneous and discordant could no longer act together in the same body either with comfort to themselves or with honor and edification to the cause of our common Christianity.

Such has been our melancholy history, especially for the last six years, and such were the discouraging and distressing circumstances in which this Assembly convened. On coming together it was found to contain such a decided majority of the friends of truth and order as to place within our reach the most thorough measures of reform. And it is worthy of special notice that this majority was created and brought together in full view of the measures adopted by the orthodox Assembly of 1835, and of all the conflicts and painful disclosures which characterized the Assembly of 1836. It was after the attention of the whole Church had been strongly called to these measures and disclosures that our Presbyteries sent a delegation, the major

part of whom declared in favor of the doctrines and order of our body. We felt ourselves, therefore, distinctly and solemnly called upon, by the voice of the Church, to go forward and rescue her struggling and bleeding interests from that humiliating and degrading perversion to which they had been so long exposed. This painful duty we have endeavored to perform in the fear of God, and, although we do not claim that our manner of discharging it has been wholly free from the manifestation of human infirmity, we do hope and believe that our measures have been accompanied with much sincere and humble seeking for divine direction, and that they are such as the enlightened and impartial friends of our ecclesiastical constitution will ultimately approve.

As the great truths of the gospel lie at the foundation of all Christian hope, as well as of the purity and prosperity of the Church, we felt ourselves bound to direct early and peculiarly solemn attention to those doctrinal errors which, there was but too much evidence, had gained an alarming prevalence in some of our judicatories. The advocates of these errors on their first appearance were cautious and reserved, alleging that they differed in words only from the doctrines as stated in our public standards. Very soon, however, they began to contend that their opinions were really new, and were a substantial and important improvement on the old creed of the Church, and, at length, that revivals of religion could not be hoped for, and that the souls of men must be destroyed, if the old doctrines continued to be preached. The errors thus promulged were by no means of that doubtful or unimportant character which seems to be assigned to them even by some of the professed friends of orthodoxy. You will see by our published acts that some of them affect the very foundation of the system of gospel truth, and that they all bear relations to the gospel plan of very serious and ominous import. Surely, doctrines which go to the formal or virtual denial of our covenant relation to Adam; the native and total depravity of man; the entire inability of the sinner to recover himself from rebellion and corruption; the nature and source of regeneration; and our justification solely on account of the imputed righteousness of the Redeemer,—cannot, upon any just principle, be regarded as "minor errors." They form, in fact, "another gospel;" and it is impossible for those who faithfully adhere to our public standards to walk with those who adopt such opinions with either comfort or confidence.

It cannot be denied, indeed, that those who adopted and preached these opinions at the same time declared their readiness to subscribe our Confession of Faith, and actually professed their assent to it in the usual form without apparent scruple. This, in fact, was one of the most revolting and alarming characteristics of their position. They declared that in doing this they only adopted the Confession "*for substance*," and by no means intended to receive the whole system which it contained. Upon this principle we had good evidence that a number of Presbyteries in the ordination and reception of ministers and other church officers avowedly and habitually acted. And hence it has not been uncommon for the members of such Presbyteries publicly and formally to repudiate some of the important doctrines of the formulary which they had thus subscribed, and even, in a few extraordinary cases, to hold up the system of truth which it contains as "an abomination," as a system which it were to be "wished had never had an existence." No wonder that men feeling and acting thus should have been found, in some instances, substituting entirely different Confessions of Faith in place of that which is contained in our constitution. Who can doubt that such a method of subscribing to articles of faith is immoral in principle; that it is adapted to defeat the great purpose of adopting confessions; and that, if persisted in,

it could not fail to open the door of our Church wider and wider to the introduction of the most radical and pestiferous heresies, which would speedily destroy her character as an evangelical body?

Was it possible for us to doubt or hesitate as to our duty when such errors were evidently gaining ground among us, and when it was in our power judicially to condemn them?—errors which, ever since the days of the apostles, have been pronounced by the true Church to be dangerous corruptions of gospel truth? We are conscious that in pronouncing the errors in question to be unscriptural, radical, and highly dangerous we are actuated by no feelings of narrow party zeal, but by a firm and growing persuasion that such errors cannot fail, in their ultimate effect, to subvert the foundation of Christian hope and destroy the souls of men. As watchmen on the walls of Zion we should be unfaithful to the trust reposed in us were we not to cry aloud and proclaim a solemn warning against opinions so corrupt and delusive.

In the course of our attempt at reform we have thought it our duty to annul the Plan of Union between Presbyterian and Congregational churches in the new settlements formed in 1801, and evidently intended as a temporary system to meet a temporary exigency. By that Plan, Congregational churches were brought into complete union with the Presbyterian Church, and their delegates, without having adopted our public standards, were introduced into our judicatories and vested with the power of giving authoritative and, in some cases, decisive votes on the most important questions of doctrine and discipline, and thus, in reality, of governing our Church. And it has happened, in fact, in a number of instances, that some of the most important decisions, in their bearing on the truth and order of our body, have been decided by the votes of those who had not subscribed to our ecclesiastical constitution and stood aloof themselves from its authority. Thus, Congregationalists were found, in effect, to control the Presbyterian Church, and to prohibit her carrying into execution our appropriate system, while we had no more authority over them than they chose to recognize.

It is impossible to contemplate this Plan of Union now without perceiving that it is most unnatural in its character, that it has not a shadow of foundation in the constitution of the Presbyterian Church, and that it is adapted to be deeply injurious in its influence on us. It is but just, indeed, to say that it was first proposed and commenced on our part, and that it was dictated by that spirit of unsuspecting simplicity and fraternal confidence which foresaw no evil. Its mischiefs gradually disclosed themselves, and it was not until they had taken wide and deep root that they began to attract the attention and awaken the fears of the friends of truth and of Presbyterial order. It was more and more perceived not only that this system, as before remarked, was most unequal, as it in fact conceded the right of governing us to those over whom we could exercise no controlling power, but that its effect must be, slowly but inevitably, to subvert the order and discipline of the Presbyterian Church. Surely no impartial judge can blame us for wishing this mischievous system rescinded, or for annulling it when we had the power. It is due to ourselves, however, to say that this measure was not either hastily conceived nor abruptly executed. The union in question has been for many years regarded by the great body of the Presbyterian Church as perhaps the most fertile source of the difficulties existing among us, especially when viewed not merely as a violation of our constitution and an invasion of our order, but as grievously abused by those who have taken advantage of it, in a manner not intended by its original framers, to disseminate their pernicious errors. Viewing the subject in this light, the General Assembly of 1835 respectfully requested the General Association of Connecticut to consent that the Plan of Union in question should be annulled. Having now waited two additional

years in vain for any favorable action in the case on the part of our brethren of Connecticut, and having witnessed with the deepest sorrow the ever-growing evils of this relation, we have felt at this time solemnly called upon to abrogate the whole Plan, and to put an end, as far as in us lay, to the destructive effects which have so long resulted from its operation.

If it were obviously equitable and important that the Plan of Union alluded to should be annulled, it was in our view no less equitable and important that the ecclesiastical bodies to which that Plan had given existence, and which were animated and governed by its spirit, should be declared to be no longer connected with our Church. It has been indeed painful to the Assembly to declare bodies in which were brethren whose piety we cannot question, and whose activity in extending the visible Church we must regard with approbation, to be no longer connected with our body. But we were shut up to this painful duty. Being irregularly brought into our Church, and retaining all the feelings and habits growing out of the circumstances of their original introduction, we could not hope that they would walk together in peace with us so long as the points of difference between us were so many and so serious. Although the creation of more churches on the Plan of Union was made to cease by the previous act of abrogation, still, as all must grant that the act which brought them in was wholly unconstitutional, and as, if this were the case, the act itself was of course void from the beginning, and all the acts and bodies growing out of it equally void, we have deemed it necessary to declare the brethren connected with those judicatories no longer connected with the Presbyterian Church. Fully aware of the painfulness of this decision to both parties, in order to avoid it we made overtures to the brethren who were opposed to us in sentiment and in policy, which had for their object an *amicable separation*, offering them, in order to bring about such a separation, what we deemed equitable and even indulgent terms. These terms will be learned from the correspondence of the joint committee appointed to negotiate on the subject, which has been already made public. Our brethren saw fit to decline our proposal, and chose rather to abide the enforcing of the constitution. They cannot complain of our course when the only alternative was the ruin of the Church or the restoration of our form of government to its legitimate and uniform reign.

We are aware that some have called in question the constitutionality of our proceedings. On this subject the more maturely we reflect the more firmly are we persuaded that we have taken the most eligible and even the only practicable course. To have attempted to separate from us the brethren with whom we could no longer walk in peace by personal process in each case would obviously have been impossible, and, even if possible, tedious, agitating, and troublesome in the highest degree. The General Assembly is vested by the constitution of our Church with plenary power "to decide in all controversies respecting doctrine and discipline; to reprove, warn, or bear testimony against error in doctrine or immorality in practice in any church, Presbytery, or Synod; to superintend the concerns of the whole Church; to suppress schismatical contentions and disputations; and, in general, to recommend and attempt reformation of manners, and the promotion of charity, truth, and holiness, through all the churches under their care." It is manifest that no other body but the General Assembly is competent to sit in judgment on a Synod, and it is equally manifest that no other body can be vested with power to abolish a system which the General Assembly itself had formed without consulting any of the Presbyteries. We have, therefore, not hesitated to apply the constitutional remedy in its fullest extent. And now, reposing on the high ground of our truly primitive and apostolical system of order, while we appeal with unshaken confidence to the sympathy of all

evangelical churches, to the approval of the American people, and, above all, to the sanction of Him "who sits as King upon the holy hill of Zion."

In the adoption of these measures we are earnestly desirous that our views and feelings in regard to our Congregational brethren of New England should be correctly understood. We have no controversy with them, nor do we desire to have any, with respect to the Congregational form of church government as it exists among themselves, nor with any other form of church polity. Toward the excellent brethren beloved in the Lord in those and all other churches, who are now testifying against the errors which are troubling *them*, as they are troubling *us*, we entertain the most cordial esteem and fraternal affection. They are engaged in the same hallowed cause with ourselves, and we cordially bid them God-speed. Let there be no strife between us. There *ought* to be none, and there *will* be none, so long as there is no effort made by any party to intrude on the domestic concerns of any other. We cannot wisely attempt, with our different views and feelings, to inhabit the *same house*, but as *neighbors* we may be on the most amicable and even affectionate terms. We wish for no more than to be allowed the fair and unimpeded action of our own ecclesiastical principles. We desire to stand on our own responsibility, and not to be made involuntary sharers in the responsibility of other bodies and systems of action with which we cannot entirely harmonize. We desire to perform our Master's work upon the principles which we conscientiously prefer, because we believe those principles to be found in the word of God; and we cannot consent to an alliance with any individuals or bodies of men in their system of action without reserving to ourselves the right of review, of control, and, if necessary, of correction.

It is our earnest hope, with respect to the brethren thus severed from us, that both parties will be essentially benefited by the separation. We trust that both will henceforth proceed in the conscientious discharge of duty, without being crippled or embarrassed by each other, and that hereafter there will be no other strife between us than who shall love the Redeemer most and who shall serve him with the warmest zeal.

We have already adverted to the unhappy influence which has been exerted for a number of years past by certain voluntary societies, which, though not responsible to any Church, and of course, therefore, not to us, were pursuing a train of measures adapted covertly but effectually to weaken her energies and govern her proceedings. We believe that if there be any departments of Christian effort to which the Church of Christ is bound, in her appropriate character, to direct her attention and her unwearied labors, they are those which relate to the training of her sons for the holy ministry, and sending the gospel to those who have it not, and planting churches in the dark and destitute portions of the earth. To be willing to commit either of these branches of her peculiar work to foreign and irresponsible hands we are more and more persuaded is unfaithfulness to the best interests of Zion, and adapted fatally to injure the cause of gospel truth and of Presbyterial order. Surely if the Church is under obligations not only to maintain in her own bosom, but also to impart as far as possible to the whole world, all such religious knowledge, worship, and ordinances as God hath revealed in his word, she is bound to see to it that no persons shall be either educated or sent forth as ministers who are not well instructed in her doctrine and order, and, as far as can be ascertained, firmly attached to both. This is equally a dictate of duty to our Master in heaven and to our own beloved institutions. To suffer Boards constituted by ourselves, pledged to adhere to our own standards, and responsible to our own judicatories, to languish while we sustain and strengthen societies over which we have no control, and which are gradually undermining at once our purity, and, of course, our real strength,

while professing to add to our numbers, would be manifestly as unwise as it would be criminal in those who profess to love the Presbyterian Church and to consider her as conformed, in her doctrine and order, to the apostolic model.

One of the most formidable evils of the present crisis is the widespread and ever-restless spirit of *radicalism*, manifest both in the Church and in the State. Its leading principle everywhere seems to be to level all order to the dust. Mighty only in the power to destroy, it has driven its deep agitations through the bosom of our beloved Church. Amidst the multiplied and revolting forms in which it has appeared it is always animated by one principle. It is ever the same leveling revolutionary spirit and tends to the same ruinous results. It has, in succession, driven to extreme fanaticism the great causes of revivals of religion, of temperance, and of the rights of man. It has aimed to transmute our pure faith into a destructive heresy, our scriptural order into confusion and misrule. It has crowded many of our churches with ignorant zealots and unholy members; driven our pastors from their flocks; and with strange fire consumed the heritage of the Lord, filling our churches with confusion and our judicatories with conflict; making our venerated name and beloved institutions, so far as its fearful influence extends, a hissing and a byword before the American people; and even threatening the dissolution of our national Union as well as the dismemberment of the Presbyterian Church.

While we have endeavored to take, as our Master enabled us, decisive measures for securing, under the divine blessing, the future purity and peace of our body, we would openly admit, dear brethren, that mere orthodoxy and regular scriptural government ought not to be considered by any Church as the *only* or even as the *chief* objects of her regard. Let it never be forgotten that truth, whether in respect to doctrine or discipline, is in order to godliness; and that the real prosperity and glory of any Church consist in the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, enlightening, reviving, and sanctifying her members and adding to their numbers daily of such as shall be saved. We would, therefore, now that the adorable Head of the Church has enabled us in some measure to remove from our body the most prominent sources of division and strife, humble ourselves before God, and call upon all our brethren of every name with us to seek and pray without ceasing for those reviving and converting influences of the Holy Spirit which alone can render any Church what it ought to be—a real blessing to the world and a nursery for heaven. And while we earnestly desire and implore this blessing, let us remember the great importance of distinguishing between genuine revivals of religion and those which are spurious and fanatical. The former are the product of gospel truth, impressed on the heart and conscience by the Holy Spirit of God. The latter are mere excitements of natural feeling, produced either by error or by some other form of human machinery. In proportion as the former prevail the Church is prosperous and happy. The latter, however arrogant in claim or plausible in appearance, are only fitted to send a blight on the garden of the Lord and to deceive and destroy the souls of men. We fear that not a little of that which has assumed the precious name of revivals in various parts of our bounds is of this latter description. This lamentable fact, however, creates no prejudice in our minds against genuine revivals of religion. It rather excites us to desire and long for them with more ardor; to pray for them with more importunity; to promote them with more care by an edifying example; and to guard against all counterfeits with more enlightened vigilance.

Brethren, farewell. May the God of Israel bless you all, every one! We love, with tenderness which we cannot utter, our own portion of the Church

of Jesus Christ our Lord, but we love also every other portion of the inheritance of that dear Saviour, and, rejoicing in the confident hope that heaven will ring with praises of the redeemed from amongst every Christian denomination, our ardent and constant desire is to draw the bonds of union between us and all the rest as close as possible here below. Hence the present epistle to our brethren. Hence our earnest desire to explain clearly to them our posture, our action, and the solemn crisis which, having first overtaken several of our sister churches, has at length fallen upon us, and will unquestionably overtake in succession all denominations of Christians.

And now may God, of his infinite mercy, set the seal of his visible approbation upon what his providence and grace have enabled us to do! And may you, brethren, be preserved from the evils which we have endured, or be enabled to meet them with more promptitude and fidelity than we have done!

And may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ abide richly on all who love his holy name!

By order of the General Assembly,

DAVID ELLIOTT, *Moderator.*

JOHN M'DOWELL, *Stated Clerk.*

Philadelphia, June 8, 1837.

NARRATIVE OF THE STATE OF RELIGION.

The General Assembly, in presenting a succinct account of the state of religion in the churches under their care, would, in the first place, invite attention to those circumstances that are favorable in their aspect and which indicate that the God of Jacob is still our refuge.

The stated means of grace, such as the administration of the word and ordinances, have been enjoyed by our churches perhaps to a greater extent than in any former year, and in the use of those means many of them have been strengthened and built up in the faith and the number of members gradually increased.

Sabbath-schools and Bible-classes seem to have been peculiarly blessed the past year as instruments in the hand of God for good. There is one united testimony, from almost every part of the Church, as to the increase of Sabbath-schools, their flourishing condition, comparatively speaking, and their great usefulness as nurseries in the Lord's vineyard. The Assembly, in view of the necessity that exists for early religious training in order that our land may become thoroughly Christian, and that we may do our part in evangelizing the world, would enjoin it on our ministers and church Sessions and private members to pay special attention to the catechising of our youth and to the encouragement of Sabbath-schools and all other means of spiritual instruction.

Revivals of religion have been experienced to some extent in our churches, though not as in years that are past. Several Presbyteries express their gratitude to God for the outpouring of the Spirit upon a portion of their congregations; the effect of which has been manifest in the enlivening of their graces, in an increased zeal in urging forward the benevolent operations of the day, and in the turning of the hearts of sinners among them to the Lord. It behooves us, however, to feel humble that these refreshings have not been more general; for, as God's hand is not shortened that it cannot save, nor his ear heavy that it cannot hear, surely our sins have separated between us and our God and caused him to withhold the blessing. Brethren, unless we have the Spirit of God in larger measure than has yet been experienced amongst us the conversion of the world can never be accomplished. Cease not, then, to pray, "O Lord, revive thy work!"

A commendable spirit of liberality, manifested by pecuniary contributions, has been evinced in most parts of the Church, in consequence of which various associations have been enabled to engage more actively in diffusing the blessings of the gospel. The General Assembly's Board of Missions and Board of Education have met with great encouragement in many of our Presbyteries and churches, their agents having found a ready reception and much willingness on the part of many to aid them. May not the Assembly indulge the hope that soon every Presbyterian church in our connection will come forward to sustain these Boards, not merely because they are under the supervision and control of the General Assembly, and consequently are the regular organs of our Church in their respective departments, but also as very efficient auxiliaries in advancing the cause of our Redeemer?

The Presbyterian Foreign Missionary Society, under the care of the Synods of Pittsburgh and Philadelphia, is attracting the attention of many portions of the Church, and by its growing zeal and fidelity gives assurance that it will be a powerful instrument in blessing heathen lands. Brethren, we aim at the conversion of the world. Our Church should consider herself a great missionary society, and we are persuaded that she ought to do more in the foreign field than she has heretofore even attempted. Let us come to the great work of foreign missions with a spirit of enlarged benevolence, and by God's blessing on our labors the desert will be made to blossom as the rose. We rejoice also in the high character and continued usefulness of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions. Many of our ministers and church members aid it cheerfully with their prayers and offerings; and we have every reason to believe that the smiles of Heaven rest upon it in its well-directed efforts to enlighten and save the heathen.

By reports from many Presbyteries, both in the North and in the South, it appears that the attention of many has been turned prayerfully to the too long neglected descendants of Africa scattered in every part of the land. Active exertions have been made in several places to elevate them intellectually and morally, and, so far, with encouraging success. Schools have been established where the laws will admit of it, and great anxiety for improvement has sprung up in the minds of multitudes of them who a few years ago seemed destined to ignorance with its attendant trains of vice and misery. The work is arduous, but it is of vast importance. To what source so promising can we turn for missionaries to traverse the sands of Africa as to this numerous people? They are providentially placed among us, and their circumstances call upon us for that moral and religious instruction which will conduce to their happiness and prepare them to perform their duties as men and Christians. The prayer of every benevolent heart should ascend to God for their best interests, and especially that all classes of them may be delivered from that worst of bondage, the thraldom of sin and Satan. The genuineness of our philanthropy in sending missionaries to the heathen may well be questioned if we have no bowels of compassion for the poor and needy at our own door and make no efforts for their conversion.

The cause of temperance still enlists the affections and receives the support of our people. In some places the enemy seems to have gained ground because of the supineness of its friends; but, in general, it is otherwise. It is with the utmost surprise and pain that we learn from the reports of two or three Presbyteries that some of their members, and even ruling elders, still manufacture and sell ardent spirits. These things ought not so to be. They are a stumbling-block to many, and have a manifest tendency to bring overwhelming calamities, both temporal and spiritual, on society at large. No church can shine as a light in the world while she openly sanctions and sus-

tains any practices which are so evidently destructive of the best interests of society.

Among those circumstances that are deplorable in their nature, and threatening in their aspect to the Church of God, we must place in the front rank that *rage for gain* which is evinced by the unhallowed spirit of speculation which abounds in every part of the land. A loud lamentation on this subject comes up from every quarter, and we are sorry to say that this spirit is not confined to men of the world only, but it has entered also into the sanctuary of God. We fear that the strong tendency to idolize wealth is seriously threatening the best interests of our Church, and fearfully illustrating the truth of that sacred maxim, "Ye cannot serve God and mammon." It behooves us to notice the signs of the times in connection with this subject, and view them as God's rebuke to this spirit of worldliness. We may also notice the statements from many parts of our land that Sabbath-breaking has increased the past year, especially in the suburbs of cities and along the leading lines of travel through all the country. And we have reason to believe further that extravagance, fraud, and licentiousness have all been rather increasing than diminishing during the past year.

The divisions in our churches respecting doctrine and order, and the consequent strife and alienation among brethren, still exist among us to an unhappy extent. It should humble us before God, and lead us to cry mightily to him for direction; for vain is the help of man at such a crisis. We dwell not on this unpleasant topic, brethren, but would ask you to unite with us in earnest supplication that God may overrule these evils so as to lead us into all the truth, and that we may see eye to eye, that we may all speak the same things, and be of one mind in carrying forward the cause of Christ upon earth.

Profane swearing, gambling, violence, and bloodshed prevail to a fearful extent in our beloved country, and are symptoms of a sad decline in the morals of the nation. We know that the Spirit of the Lord can lift up a standard against these vices, and that the Spirit is given in answer to prayer. But, alas! the information comes from every quarter that a spirit of grace and supplication is found in very few of our churches. Is it not time to proclaim a fast and humble ourselves in sackcloth, mourning over our iniquities and backslidings, for God is able to turn again the captivity of Zion?

The reports from the Congregational Associations with which we maintain a fraternal correspondence manifest an interesting state of things in the churches of New England. Revivals of religion have been experienced in a considerable number of their churches, and, as usual, spirited and successful efforts have been made in behalf of the various benevolent operations of the day.

Finally, brethren, we feel that we have much to deplore, in our review of the past year, when we reflect (in the language of one of our Presbyteries) that the state of religion in our churches is not to be estimated by their numbers, or their wealth, or their popularity, and not even by their peace and harmony, since the one may be the slumber of lukewarmness, and the other an agreement to connive at sin. But we are to judge of their condition by their purity of principles and holy living; by their love of truth and justice, their hatred of all sin; by their efforts to secure a proper regard to the divine law, and the removal of existing obstacles to the spread of the gospel; and by their using efficient and active measures to publish salvation to every creature. "By their fruits ye shall know them."

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

In complying with the requisition of the ninth section of the Charter of Incorporation, directing the Board of Trustees "to lay before the General Assembly as early as possible at its annual session an exact state of the accounts of the corporation," the Trustees respectfully refer the General Assembly to the cash accounts of the Treasurer for the year terminating May 1st, 1837, examined and certified to be correct by the Committee of Accounts, and to the list of certificates of bank stocks and other securities in the hands of the Treasurer, which have also been examined and ascertained to be correct. The ledger in which the accounts of the past year have been regularly posted and balanced, the balance sheet of May 1st, 1837, and a particular account of the stocks, etc. belonging to the several funds, are also herewith submitted.

The whole amount received by the Treasurer from May 1st, 1836, to May 1st, 1837, was $26,328.84, making, together with $703.14 in the hands of the Treasurer at the first-mentioned date, the sum of $27,031.98. The expenditures during the year have amounted to $26,965.39, leaving a balance in the hands of the Treasurer at the close of the fiscal year of $66.59.

The following is an abstract of the several heads of receipt and expenditure, the items of which are stated on the Treasurer's account:

In the hands of the Treasurer May 1st, 1836	$ 703	14
Received for dividends on bank stocks	13,817	17
Proceeds of sale of Bank and Bridge Company stocks	4,445	11
Interest on bonds, notes, and legacy	2,892	74
Dividends on Bridge and Insurance Company stocks	107	00
Contributions of the churches for Commissioners' fund	1,149	89
Contributions for the fund for contingent expenses of General Assembly	1,191	84
Contributions for professors' salaries, per Rev. Drs. John Breckinridge and John M'Dowell	1,140	18
Sales of Psalms and Hymns, per Mr. Solomon Allen, for the year ending April 29th, 1836	952	24
Legacy of the late Mrs. Trimble of Carlisle, Pennsylvania, towards founding a Scholarship	161	47
Donation of Rev. Samuel D. Campbell of Dallas county, Alabama, for support of a student	175	00
Rents of real estate	258	00
Education contribution, $19.02; Missionary contribution, $19.18	38	20
	$27,031	98

The payments made are for the following objects:

Salaries of professors in the Theological Seminary	6,700	00
Interest on scholarships' and students' fund, at six per cent., and for support of a student	3,615	42
For new investments of bank stock	11,008	78
Board of Missions, one year's interest on their stock at six per cent.	1,439	71
Commissioners to the General Assembly, by their order,	1,057	67
Paid Solomon Allen, on account of loan of $2400 for contingent fund	952	24
Missionaries at penitentiaries, etc., New York and Philadelphia (Dr. Boudinot's legacy)	563	24
Books for pastors' libraries in destitute churches (Dr. Boudinot's legacy)	240	00
Carried forward,	$25,578	06

Brought forward,	$25,578 06
Salaries of officers of General Assembly and agency	120 00
Janitor's bill for attendance on General Assembly	59 00
Salaries of officers of Board of Trustees	301 67
Paper for Minutes of General Assembly	196 20
Printing 3000 copies of do.	404 60
Packing do. do. do.	21 13
Education contribution, $19.02; Missionary contribution, $19.18	38 20
Expenses of delegates of General Assembly to corresponding bodies	45 00
Treasurer's traveling expenses to Pittsburgh, paid by a resolution of Trustees	44 88
Discounts on promissory notes	25 25
Taxes on real estate, $42.24; repairing hydrant, $7; water rent, $5; regulating curbstone, $1.50	55 74
Hauling and removing bark at session of General Assembly	23 62
Paid by Rev. Dr. John M'Dowell for sundry contingent expenses	12 11
Two counterfeit notes, $10; uncurrent notes, $2; discounts, $1.71; stationery for General Assembly, $6.50; trunk for General Assembly, $2.38; advertising, $2; official papers, $4.50; postage, $11.84	40 93
Balance in Treasurer's hands, May 1, 1837	66 59
	$27,031 98

The whole amount of stocks and other securities owned by the Trustees is	$175,270 69
Of this sum, the amount of bonds and mortgages is	$33,500 00
Of bank stocks, at cost	130,998 69
Of promissory notes	4,000 00
Of Bridge Company stock (bequeathed), at par	100 00
Of bank, insurance, and turnpike stock (bequeathed), at current value	6,672 00
	$175,270 69

In addition to the above statements the Trustees have thought that it would be satisfactory to the General Assembly to be informed of their financial operations and other transactions during the past year, of which they submit the following review:

On the 31st May, 1836, the General Assembly passed two resolutions, by the first of which the Trustees were directed to make sale, if practicable, of the lands in North Carolina devised by the late Dr. Elias Boudinot; and by the second they were requested to appoint immediately an efficient agent, if one can be procured, who shall examine the situation of the lands; and the Trustees were requested to report their proceedings herein and the situation of the lands with their annual report to the next General Assembly. In compliance with the last of the above resolutions, the Trustees, at their meeting on the 22d day of June, 1836, appointed Rev. John Witherspoon and A. L. Irwin, Esq., as agents for the purpose contemplated in the said resolution. No report has been hitherto received from them; should it be furnished in time it will be submitted to the General Assembly at their present session.

By a resolution of the General Assembly, June 2d, 1836, the Trustees were directed (if not inconsistent with the terms and object of the bequest) to dispose of the stock held by them in the United Passaick and Hackensack Bridge Company. In pursuance of this resolution, the Trustees on the 10th

of August, 1836, sold that stock, consisting of ten shares, the par value of which was $100 each, at $150, the net proceeds of which, deducting commissions, amounted to $1496.25.

By the death of the late Robert Ralston, Esq., which occurred on the 11th of August, 1836, and who had served the Board as their President for many years, it became necessary to appoint a President. On the 6th October, 1836, the Rev. Ashbel Green was chosen to that office, and Alexander Henry, Esq., was appointed Vice-President.

On the 11th of August, 1836, the Committee of Finance purchased twenty shares of United States Bank stock, which cost, including commissions, $2471.16. On the 11th October last they purchased ten shares of the Grand Gulf Bank, Mississippi, the cost of which was $992.47, and on the 8th December following they bought five shares of United States Bank stock, which cost $593.98.

In the summer of 1836 the Trustees instituted a suit, which is still pending, in Chester county, Pennsylvania, for the recovery of a legacy of one hundred pounds bequeathed to them for missionary purposes by Mrs. Mary Darlington of Honey Brook township, Chester county, Pennsylvania, by her will dated 4th August, 1813, of which bequest the Trustees received no information whatever until 25th September, 1835.

The late President of the Board, Robert Ralston, Esq., had been appointed to take charge of the estate of the late Rev. Joseph Eastburn, consisting of sundry stocks and of the house No. 86 Vine street, Philadelphia, which were devised to the Trustees, the income to be appropriated for the support of a pastor of the Mariners' Church in Philadelphia. In consequence of the decease of Mr. Ralston the Board directed their Treasurer to receive from his executors the certificates of stock and other evidences of property included in the said bequest, and to open and keep a separate and distinct account of receipts and payments thereon. The certificates of stock and title-papers of the house No. 86 Vine street were accordingly delivered to the Treasurer on the 23d December last, and a specific account of receipts and payments on the said legacy has been opened and kept by him as above directed. The stocks, valued at the present depressed market price, constitute the item of $6772 in the above list of stocks, etc. held by the Trustees, and the house No. 86 Vine street is valued at $2300.

As it appeared probable to the Committee of Finance in the month of December last that the dividends on bank stocks which would become due and payable in the latter part of the following January and beginning of February would considerably exceed the amount which would be required for payment of professors' salaries and interest due on the scholarships, they determined to raise the probable amount of such excess by promissory notes, and to invest the same in bank stock, which would yield six months' dividend in January, 1837. This was accordingly done, December 30, 1836, by the purchase of fifty shares of stock of the Bank of Vicksburg, Mississippi, for $3863.47, on which a dividend of five per cent. was received on 10th January following. Owing to the dividends on the stock of the Agricultural Bank of Natchez and Planters' Bank of Mississippi being paid later than usual, it became necessary to sell stock in order to meet the promissory notes which had been given. On the 3d February, 1837, twenty-five shares of United States Bank stock, purchased as above stated, were sold for $2948.86. A large dividend having been subsequently received from the Agricultural Bank of Natchez, a purchase was made March 3d, 1837, of forty shares of the Bank of Vicksburg for $3087.70.

On the 25th February last the sum of $500 was received on account of the arrears of the Nephew Scholarship, having been recovered by the counsel of

the Trustees, who had instituted legal proceedings for that purpose in the State of Georgia, and who expected soon to recover the balance due.

The net amount of additional investments in bank stocks during the past year has been $6447.39. These have been placed to the credit of the Permanent Fund of the Theological Seminary, that being the fund in which the greatest deficiency existed. The amount still deficient in that fund is $7286.68.

The Committee of Finance were enabled to make these additional investments principally from the fact of the bank dividends for the past year having been unusually large, which left a considerable surplus after payment of the professors' salaries, together with six per cent. interest on the scholarships and on the stock of the Permanent Missionary Fund. These dividends may be estimated to have averaged during the past year about ten per cent. on the cost of the stock, some of which was purchased at an advance on the par value. The present depression of stocks has affected in a very great degree those owned by the Trustees. What the event of these changes will be is impossible to be foreseen; but the Trustees are of opinion that it would be inexpedient under present circumstances to make any alterations in the present investment of the funds. Should the income of the ensuing year be insufficient to meet the current expenses, the deficiency may be supplied from the surplus income of the year which has just expired.

The Trustees executed a power of attorney on the 24th February last to a gentleman in the city of New York to receive the legacy of $1500 bequeathed to them by the late Mr. Thomas Arden, the receipt of which has been prevented in consequence of a litigation existing as to other parts of his will; but the attorney of the Trustees has not hitherto been able to obtain payment of the legacy. They also at the same date executed a power of attorney authorizing the transfer of sundry stocks held in the name of the Trustees in the State of Virginia, belonging to the Union Theological Seminary, in pursuance of a request to that effect from the Synods of Virginia and North Carolina, as required by the General Assembly by their resolution passed 2d June last.

The account of the sales of the Psalms and Hymns for the past year has not yet been prepared, but as a large stock of books has been recently procured, it is doubtful whether there will be a balance in cash to the credit of the Trustees after paying what remained due on a loan from Mr. Solomon Allen of $2400. The profits of the sale of the Psalms and Hymns for the ensuing year will be applicable for the repayment of what remains due on the loan from the ED Scholarship to the contingent fund.

By order of the Trustees,

ROBERT H. SMITH, Treasurer.

Philadelphia, May 19th, 1837.

The Trustees of the General Assembly are—

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SYNODS AND PRESBYTERIES.

The following summary account of Synods and Presbyteries, together with the statistical reports of Presbyteries in detail, present the Presbyterian Church as it was at the commencement of the sessions of the General Assembly. During these sessions *four* of these Synods, with all their respective Presbyteries, were declared to be no longer a part of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, viz.: the Synod of the *Western Reserve* [see Minutes, page 590] and the Synods of *Utica*, *Geneva*, and *Genesee* [see Minutes, page 595]; and the Third Presbytery of Philadelphia was dissolved [see Minutes page 623]. The Assembly directed the Stated Clerk, having inserted a note to this effect, to publish the statistics of these judicatories for the past year. [See Minutes, page 644.]

The General Assembly of 1837, at the commencement of their sessions, had under their care *twenty-three* Synods, comprising *one hundred and thirty-five* Presbyteries, viz.:

I. The Synod of Albany, containing the *six* Presbyteries of Londonderry, Newburyport, Champlain, Troy, Albany, and Columbia.

II. The Synod of Utica, containing the *five* Presbyteries of St. Lawrence, Watertown, Oswego, Oneida, and Otsego.

III. The Synod of Geneva, containing the *nine* Presbyteries of Geneva, Chenango, Onondaga, Cayuga, Tioga, Cortland, Bath, Delaware, and Chemung.

IV. The Synod of Genesee, containing the *six* Presbyteries of Genesee, Ontario, Rochester, Niagara, Buffalo, and Angelica.

V. The Synod of New York, containing the *eight* Presbyteries of Hudson, North River, Bedford, Long Island, Long Island 2d, New York, New York 2d, and New York 3d.

VI. The Synod of New Jersey, containing the *six* Presbyteries of Newark, Elizabethtown, New Brunswick, Newton, Susquehanna, and Montrose.

VII. The Synod of Philadelphia, containing the *ten* Presbyteries of Philadelphia, Philadelphia 2d, Philadelphia 3d, New Castle, Wilmington, Lewes, Baltimore, Carlisle, Huntington, and Northumberland.

VIII. The Synod of Pittsburgh, containing the *eight* Presbyteries of Blairsville, Redstone, Washington, Ohio, Allegheny, Steubenville, Beaver, and Erie.

IX. The Synod of the Western Reserve, containing the *eight* Presbyteries of Grand River, Portage, Huron, Trumbull, Cleveland, Maumee, Lorain, and Medina.

X. The Synod of Michigan, containing the three Presbyteries of Detroit, St. Joseph, and Monroe.

XI. The Synod of Ohio, containing the *six* Presbyteries of Athens, Columbus, Lancaster, Wooster, Richland, and Marion.

XII. The Synod of Cincinnati, containing the *five* Presbyteries of Chillicothe, Miami, Cincinnati, Oxford, and Sidney.

XIII. The Synod of Indiana, containing the *six* Presbyteries of Salem, Vincennes, Madison, Crawfordsville, Indianapolis, and Logansport.

XIV. The Synod of Illinois, containing the *eight* Presbyteries of Illinois, Kaskaskia, Sangamon, Ottawa, Schuyler, Palestine, Peoria, and Alton.

XV. The Synod of Missouri, containing the *three* Presbyteries of Missouri, St. Louis, and St. Charles.

XVI. The Synod of Kentucky, containing the *five* Presbyteries of Louisville, Muhlenburg, Transylvania, West Lexington, and Ebenezer.

XVII. The Synod of Virginia, containing the *five* Presbyteries of Lexington, Winchester, District of Columbia, West Hanover, and East Hanover.

XVIII. The Synod of North Carolina, containing the *five* Presbyteries of Roanoke, Orange, Fayetteville, Concord, and Morganton.

XIX. The Synod of Tennessee, containing the *four* Presbyteries of Abingdon, Union, French Broad, and Holston.

XX. The Synod of West Tennessee, containing the *five* Presbyteries of West Tennessee, Nashville, Shiloh, North Alabama, and Western District.

XXI. The Synod of South Carolina and Georgia, containing the *seven* Presbyteries of South Carolina, Bethel, Harmony, Charleston, Union, Georgia, Hopewell, and Flint River.

XXII. The Synod of Alabama, containing the *three* Presbyteries of South Alabama, Tuscaloosa, and Tombeckbee.

XXIII. The Synod of Mississippi, containing the *four* Presbyteries of Mississippi, Clinton, Arkansas, and Louisiana.

SUMMARY VIEW OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES, FOR 1837.

PRESBYTERIES.	Ministers.	Licentiates.	Candidates.	Churches.	Com. added on Examination.	Com. added on Certificate.	Total of Communicants.	Adults Baptized.	Infants Baptized.	Funds raised for Missions.	Funds raised for Education.	Funds raised for Theological Seminaries.	Funds raised for Commissioners.	Contingent Fund.	STATED CLERKS OF PRESBYTERIES.
Londonderry	25	...	...	12	25	9	1419	4	89	.....	.....	.....	$ 17 50	.....	Edward L. Parker.
Newburyport	16	2	...	2	17	10	334	6	29	$ 118 00	.....	.....	....	.....	Jonathan F. Stearns.
Champlain	21	...	...	17	44	8	905	... *	34	546 00	$ 25 00	.....	14 88	.....	Charles Doolittle.
Troy	24	4	2	30	115	85	2080	24	53	.....	30 00	.....	13 00	$10 59	Mark Tucker, D. D.
Albany	33	3	8	35	155	176	4068	49	134	6783 49	3525 57	$3831 00	103 06	49 35	John Clancy.
Columbia	27	5	5	23 *	73	.....	1256	24	60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Thomas M. Smith.
St. Lawrence	8	...	1	10	53	95	1151	10	52	762 16	145 00	.....	41 17	5 00	John A. Savage.
Watertown	10	...	...	22	66	46	1182	20	37	656 98	280 00	9 62	29 72	.....	Marcus Smith.
Oswego	11	3	...	24	28	71	965	...	32	580 36	71 41	.....	10 31	.....	Robert W. Condit.
Oneida	47	10	...	40	111	97	1857	20	46	327 33	118 03	.....	.....	.....	Oliver Wetmore.
Otsego	9	1	...	16	33	28	1744	7	43	1288 45	181 00	40 00	11 00	4 50	Alfred E. Campbell.
Geneva	37	2	...	39	268	179	4233	81	191	7115 55	598 38	.....	.....	16 02	Thomas Lounsbury.
Chenango	10	1	...	17	32	37	722	10	44	234 97	95 00	12 00	6 00	33	Samuel Manning,
Onondaga (1836)	19	...	1	24	44	127	2693	9	93	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Hutchins Taylor.
Cayuga	37	22	5	31 *	214	.....	4186	26	90	2874 63	326 10	.....	50 79	.....	Seth Smith.
Tioga	17	...	1	18	19	68	1381	3	62	356 12	....	15 00	7 00	2 50	Zenas Riggs.
Cortland	13	2	1	15	37	69	1586	12	53	698 00	310 00	.....	9 50	.....	Caleb Clark.
Bath	17	1	...	19	26	26	472	13	37	163 00	.....	.....	23 28	.....	B. Foster Pratt.
Delaware	11	1	1	19	127	44	2162	59	58	899 66	524 88	.....	.....	.....	Daniel Waterbury.
Chemung	14	...	...	22	115	98	953	42	53	740 61	12 41	.....	35 89	81	John Smith.
Genesee	26	...	...	24	295	29	1494	98	57	1023 98	250 56	50 00	27 62	.....	James B. Shaw.
Ontario	22	...	...	24	40	52	1087	13	59	1170 21	106 39	.....	41 54	9 00	John Barnard, Jr.
Rochester	29	...	...	25	233	249	2850	... *	140	9416 66	6313 43	.....	18 41	2 00	William Mack.
Niagara	13	2	...	16	80	193	1794	29	28	340 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	Herbert A. Read.
Buffalo	34	3	4	43	273	222	1695	87	127	4866 48	1217 25	.....	53 00	.....	Timothy Stillman.
Angelica	11	3	...	20	71	52	1429	40	73	231 60	.....	.....	52 80	1 37	Moses Hunter.
Hudson	25	1	...	25	71	39	3240	23	127	1097 00	372 18	124 00	29 69	14 54	Daniel T. Wood.
North River	19	3	4	21	388	86	2385	207	97	1551 97	873 61	3162 88	35 88	30 56	John Johnston.
Bedford	14	...	4	16	47	34	1295	17	61	848 83	515 19	2 41	45 73	13 00	Jacob Green.
Long Island	14	1	4	13	11	14	1412	7	43	840 05	.....	.....	5 15	10 00	Abraham Luce.
Long Island (2d)	8	...	1	11	16	15	1142	7	77	77 65	9 50	.....	29 07	10 25	James M'Dougall.

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New York	28	3	12	17	219	314	4062	32	263	$ 5250 67	$3816 44	$1971 00	$126 83	$ 85 13	Elias W. Crane.
New York (2d)	8	...	...	5	43	24	626	7	26	4983 30	2271 41	3000 00	31 05	.....	Henry A. Rowland.
New York (3d)	32	3	7	24	667	422	5604	214	305	4350 55	2968 50	.....	12 00	.....	Erskine Mason.
Newark	33	2	2	29	360	322	5210	116	199	10024 43	3134 10	.....	54 64	54 64	Ebenezer Seymour.
Elizabethtown	25	4	3	21	258	137	4093	80	176	3040 71	1017 99	.....	55 65	55 65	James M. Hunting.
New Brunswick	31	15	10	20	62	59	2570	38	102	1085 08	682 87	111 50	77 92	40 25	Eli F. Cooley.
Newton	29	3	5	36	386	40	3980	84	244	1138 88	731 41	50 00	45 00	10 00	Isaac N. Candee.
Susquehanna	9	...	3	18	14	19	1113	6	20	128 55	90 51	10 00	44 55	.....	Oscar Harris.
Montrose	15	...	...	23	7	17	1439	1	51	171 63	38 07	.....	.....	1 56	Sylvester Cooke.
Philadelphia	27	10	3	20	158	71	2228	49	143	3053 51	738 64	30 00	18 88	14 98	William L. M'Calla.
Philadelphia (2d)	16	5	4	17	155	130	2228	42	158	4335 76	3915 00	200 00	55 67	55 67	John McDowell, D. D.
Philadelphia (3d)(1836)	26	7	3	24	189	131	2168	...	* 178	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Thomas Eustace.
Newcastle	27	5	6	33	118	47	3736	59	164	2214 21	452 00	.....	63 87	14 22	John N. C. Grier.
Wilmington	12	1	...	14	76	133	1062	22	57	1524 52	259 50	.....	10 97	14 12	E. W. Gilbert.
Lewes	5	...	...	13	3	.....	449	...	15	75 00	.....	.....	20 00	4 00	Alexander Campbell.
Baltimore	9	5	3	9	48	39	1268	4	67	3678 00	1882 00	568 00	.....	.....	George W. Musgrave.
Carlisle	26	3	2	38	160	46	2463	13	170	1957 12	306 25	31 00	16 00	3 00	James Williamson.
Huntingdon	17	4	...	35	92	42	2304	11	146	617 62	26 00	24 00	38 00	10 00	John Hutchison.
Northumberland	11	2	1	24	121	11	1389	16	118	233 08	53 00	.....	70 15	10 00	Isaac Grier.
Blairsville	14	3	3	29	166	51	3725	19	242	598 94	232 64	329 75	65 62	6 37	Samuel McFarren.
Redstone	12	...	3	27	100	51	2788	21	209	1944 00	180 00	38 00	54 75	10 50	Ashbel G. Fairchild.
Washington	17	3	...	25	189	142	3056	43	267	2448 24	738 38	654 69	61 75	7 50	W. P. Alrich.
Ohio	35	3	7	29	219	238	4314	45	278	7352 04	1799 25	857 22	136 47	29 70	William Jeffery.
Allegheny	14	1	2	26	109	61	2653	21	204	411 32	46 50	56 75	49 99	5 55	Loyal Young.
Steubenville	17	3	1	33	175	97	2570	31	242	752 91	346 50	471 00	30 75	.....	Charles C. Beatty.
Beaver	18	2	...	39	114	112	3368	25	210	1124 57	75 00	301 57	63 82	6 00	Robert Dilworth.
Erie	16	...	3	40	87	65	2782	...	* 141	863 78	590 09	70 15	23 50	6 20	Johnston Eaton.
Grand River	27	1	1	35	110	98	1864	...	* 76	266 42	10 00	.....	10 81	1 87	Dexter Witter.
Portage	29	4	1	24	142	135	1946	28	94	929 28	291 41	.....	20 42	4 70	William Hanford.
Huron	17	1	...	23	49	98	1126	15	35	.....	.....	.....	25 96	4 69	Xenophon Betts.
Maumee	...	...	...	8	.....	.....	212	...	.....	122 00	.....	.....	19 00	.....	Isaac Van Tassel.
Trumbull (1836)	12	...	...	18	263	47	1232	75	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Wells Andrews.
Lorain	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Alfred H. Betts.

Cleveland	11	2	...	10	95	104	463	...	* 44	268 80	56 00	.....	5 15	.....	Joseph H. Breck.
Medina	10	...	...	13	.....	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Lewis F. Laine.
Detroit	12	...	...	27	84	158	1083	37	110	2757 00	1080 00	.....	.....	5 00	John P. Cleaveland.
St. Joseph	10	2	...	19	24	205	522	4	22	288 63	140 50	.....	9 30	.....	Phanuel W. Warriner.
Monroe	12	2	1	28	123	214	1639	49	55	660 00	424 00	.....	32 00	7 00	Ira M. Wead.
Athens	11	7	1	20	57	64	1211	9	72	1006 37	206 00	.....	22 25	2 50	Addison Kingsbury.
Columbus	12	...	1	15	100	89	1155	18	71	934 73	156 00	.....	77 00	.....	James Hoge, D. D.
Lancaster	21	2	1	33	164	161	2699	25	226	1913 39	719 53	.....	58 00	26 00	James Culbertson.
Wooster	8	2	...	28	103	124	1739	25	169	419 58	42 50	.....	48 75	2 50	James B. Morrow.
Richland	11	...	...	21	61	89	1574	13	128	96 50	84 63	58 00	65 50	6 75	James Rowland.
Marion	6	...	1	21	21	21	1064	11	62	112 25	40 00	.....	28 39	2 00	Henry Van Deman.
Chillicothe	23	4	4	28	67	75	2606	20	186	1649 00	281 67	.....	109 76	3 09	John P. Vandyke.
Miami	10	...	...	19	42	74	1198	17	78	824 26	306 16	.....	76 50	3 50	James C. Barnes.
Cincinnati	29	15	3	29	52	110	1985	10	96	2374 28	1006 13	40 00	61 50	5 00	Thomas J. Biggs.
Oxford	17	3	7	27	83	75	1428	27	78	926 50	38 50	.....	83 51	1 56	John W. Scott.
Sidney	7	...	...	15	71	129	1209	16	78	650 39	10 00	.....	57 12	6 87	Samuel Cleland.
Salem	8	1	1	20	73	50	611	24	42	522 76	.....	.....	21 00	.....	Alexander Williamson.
Vincennes	9	...	...	19	16	49	592	1	40	87 93	15 00	.....	54 44	3 44	Calvin Butler.
Madison	14	1	4	16	40	56	891	6	100	626 80	235 25	152 00	23 87	.....	James H. Johnston.
Crawfordsville	14	...	...	19	74	109	775	18	60	432 41	.....	.....	46 00	5 31	James Thompson.
Indianapolis	10	1	...	22	45	89	959	11	88	1044 67	139 01	203 00	59 00	6 50	William Sickels.
Logansport	7	...	1	16	32	83	655	4	39	196 00	.....	.....	74 00	3 00	Martin M. Post.
Illinois (1835)	11	...	1	13	38	78	418	4	13	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Thomas Lippincott.
Kaskaskia	8	1	...	13	9	18	309	3	36	94 75	.....	.....	28 73	2 18	Thomas A. Spilman.
Sangamon	5	1	...	10	6	56	329	2	27	390 31	.....	.....	18 75	.....	John G. Bergen.
Ottawa	7	...	...	7	9	21	172	5	18	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Ralph W. Gridley.
Schuyler	15	1	...	13	66	224	631	16	24	.....	.....	.....	42 03	8 32	William K. Stewart.
Palestine (1836)	7	...	...	12	9	31	317	2	35	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Isaac Bennett.
Peoria	7	...	...	8	4	38	214	7	15	302 00	.....	.....	.....	1 00	Jeremiah Porter.
Alton															
Missouri	7	...	2	10	.....	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 25	R. L. M'Afee.
St. Louis (1835)	9	...	2	14	64	33	951	29	72						
St. Charles	17	2	2	18	165	144	659	97	49	512 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	George C. Wood.
Louisville	15	4	2	22	105	107	1713	36	116	2510 59	663 20	.....	63 50	32 66	James Hawthorn.
Muhlenburg	10	...	...	15	7	20	609	...	31	353 75	25 00	.....	.....	1 00	S. W. Calvert.
Transylvania	14	1	4	27	128	30	2515	75	78	1140 86	3761 50	.....	114 75	.....	Timothy Root.
West Lexington	19	5	2	29	32	39	2024	18	90	1805 57	1240 75	.....	141 00	32 00	R. Davidson.
Ebenezer	10	...	1	24	27	43	1370	7	44	485 81	462 43	.....	113 00	.....	Andrew Todd.
Lexington	36	4	2	48	170	35	6585	40	272	1220 33	620 90	189 60	178 00	7 50	John A. Van Lear.
Winchester	14	1	3	31	31	7	1085	8	59	702 33	378 54	18 00	27 00	2 00	William H. Foote.
District of Columbia	10	3	2	9	19	6	1060	...	39	1064 00	210 00	.....	42 00	12 00	John C. Smith.
West Hanover	34	6	6	37	13	26	2348	5	51	1396 24	400 29	301 50	127 25	.....	Jesse S. Armistead.

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East Hanover	20	2	5	17	48	44	1260	14	74	$ 3895 11	$2102 84	$ 435 00	$110 25	28 75	Alexander Mebane.
Roanoke	8	1	1	13	2	2	620	...	14	766 00	165 00	10 00	61 00	2 50	Samuel L. Graham, D. D.
Orange	19	2	11	28	29	26	1761	13	92	681 85	309 52	.....	115 57	.....	Nathaniel H. Harding.
Fayetteville	23	1	8	47	145	10	4054	16	175	1317 50	2588 00	110 50	132 50	15 00	James W. Douglass.
Concord	21	3	3	31	150	35	3607	40	274	752 00	260 00	.....	88 00	8 50	Samuel Williamson.
Morganton	4	1	...	19	53	4	914	9	63	368 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	J. S. McCutchan.
Abingdon	7	...	...	15	10	2	643	...	23	50 00	.....	.....	.....	4 37	Alexander McEwen.
Union	26	3	4	30	61	70	2469	19	109	59 00	.....	.....	15 00	.....	Darius Hoyt.
French Broad	8	...	1	14	11	12	1405	3	49	348 60	.....	.....	10 00	.....	Charles Coffin, D. D.
Holston (1836)	8	...	1	15	* 102	...	770	26	54	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	John W. Cunningham.
West Tennessee	11	1	1	16	19	20	1139	5	58	833 68	133 75	.....	92 12	20 00	James M. Arnell.
Nashville	9	...	...	9	20	26	420	4	35	571 60	482 75	.....	128 56	5 62	John T. Edgar, D. D.
Shiloh (1835)	11	3	4	25	127	21	1516	...	* 172	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	John W. Hall.
North Alabama	8	1	...	16	4	8	514	...	46	346 25	292 93	185 00	104 50	20 00	James Weatherby.
Western District	13	1	...	27	45	69	551	3	51	208 81	337 25	.....	58 00	7 18	Alexander A. Campbell.
South Carolina	16	2	3	36	25	12	2411	10	55	102 00	169 00	.....	209 50	.....	Samuel B. Lewers.
Bethel	10	1	...	20	53	10	2100	7	100	756 50	76 00	.....	137 62	.....	John B. Davies.
Harmony	22	5	1	28	41	12	2332	11	73	1781 87	689 00	447 00	119 50	10 00	George Howe.
Charleston Union	28	4	2	8	40	5	1003	23	46	2437 00	1005 00	1500 00	120 00	.....	B. Gildersleeve.
Georgia	10	...	...	9	4	3	345	...	5	343 43	485 00	250 00	42 30	.....	Horace S. Pratt.
Hopewell	18	1	3	40	12	17	1069	6	31	639 00	.....	.....	42 00	.....	Hampden C. Carter.
Flint River (1835)	11	2	3	26	33	46	1478	4	49	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	James C. Patterson.
South Alabama	13	5	3	31	68	163	1693	18	113	3397 12	1124 50	.....	115 00	17 12	Thomas S. Witherspoon.
Tuscaloosa	10	...	...	15	17	93	739	4	62	642 50	1461 00	10 00	231 12	3 95	William H. Williams.
Tombeekbee	8	...	...	12	4	13	374	1	24	124 50	245 00	.....	.....	5 00	Thomas C. Stuart.
Mississippi	10	2	8	13	* 74	...	564	11	34	2179 35	22900 00	500 00	112 25	7 00	Jeremiah Chamberlain, D. D.
Clinton	9	1	...	13	8	9	202	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	40 00	5 00	Alexander Newton.
Arkansas	7	...	...	6	16	25	269	11	30	228 89	100 00	.....	72 00	2 37	Joel Wood.
Louisiana	10	4	1	12	44	17	228	10	44	673 75	569 00	.....	55 00	35 00	John R. Hutchison.
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